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KEEPING THE UNDESIRABLES OUT OF ENGLAND.



This interesting series of snapshots shows how the Aliens Act is worked at Gravesend. (1) A pilot in the pilot's office at Gravesend watching for incoming vessels; (2) the Sylvia from Hamburg, the first vessel to arrive under the new Act, dropping anchor to await examination; (3) the Customs launch Cerberus conveying the aliens' officer and the medical and port sanitary officers to the Sylvia; (4) Chinamen on board the Sylvia awaiting the arrival of the inspectors; (5) another group of aliens—

Russian—on the Sylvia waiting to know their fate—whether they will be allowed to land; (6) Saloon passengers on the Sylvia who await the arrival of the inspectors with confidence, as they are exempted from inspection under the Act; (7) sanitary authorities' hulk at Gravesend, on which the medical officers and port inspectors have their meals and sleep while on duty. Inset is a photograph of Major Sir William Evans Gordon, M.P. for Stepney, the father of the Act.

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BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 31st ult., at Beechwood, Loudwater, Bucks, the wife of John Baker, of a son.
BOND.—On New Year's Eve, at 187, Clarence Gate-gardens, N.W., the wife of Walter Bond, of a son.
BARRY.—On the 16th ult., at 5, Burlington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of the Rev. Lionel J. Barry, of a son.
DICKENS.—On January 1, at 21, Penbridge-mansions, W., the wife of Henry C. Dickens, barrister-at-law, of a son.
LOVIBOND.—On the 29th ult., at 5, Burlington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of John Locke Lovibond, of a daughter.
MORRIS.—On New Year's Eve, at 34, Lisson-road, N.W., the wife of Graham Harley Morris, barrister-at-law, of a son.
WALKER.—On the 27th ult., at Ecclesfield House, Finsbury Park, the wife of A. H. Walker, of a son.


MARRIAGES.

EDWARDS-ASHTON.—On the 30th ult., at the Church of St. Mary, Uxbridge, Suffolk, by the Rev. E. B. Ocker, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by the Rev. Duncan Travers, M.A., secretary of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, and the Rev. Arthur Ashton, M.A., father of the bride, Henry John Edwards, M.A., Fellow and Dean of Peterhouse, Cambridge, Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers, eldest son of Henry Charles Edwards, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, to Margaret Ethel, eldest daughter of the Rev. Arthur Ashton, M.A., rector of Uxbridge.
FULLER-ATKINSON.—On the 1st inst., at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, by the rector, the Rev. Dacre Craven, William Palmer Fuller, of Gray's Inn, W.C., to Miss Atkinson, widow of the late George Atkinson, Esq., of Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Cumberland.
RITCHIE-MELLISH.—On September 26, at Christ Church, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, by the Right Rev. W. C. Rompas, D.D., Lord Bishop of Selkirk, assisted by the Rev. J. O. Stringer, B.A., the Rev. Christopher Reid, rector of St. Paul's, Dawson City, son of the late Peter Reid, solicitor, Hull, to Mary Sophia Mellish, eldest daughter of John T. Mellish, barrister-at-law, Charlotte Town, P.E.I., Canada.
SAUNDERS-NEWTON.—On the 30th ult., at St. Mary's, Sherborne, by the Rev. J. Evans, vicar of Dunsmuir, assisted by the Rev. Canon Woolley, vicar of the parish, Edward, third son of the late George Sand, Esq., of West Coast, Glamorgan, to Gertrude, only daughter of W. Newton Dunn, Esq., of "The Cottage," Shaftesbury.

DEATHS.

ALEXANDER.—On the 20th ult., at Camfield-place, Hatfield, Herts, Arthur Harvey Alexander, of Hazlewood, Dufftown, Banffshire, Immigration Agent of British Guiana, aged 62.
JAMIESON.—On the 1st inst., at Tighnam, Wemyss Bay, William James Jamieson, of Tighnam, aged 78.
ERKINE.—On the 29th ult., at The Priory, Melrose, Charles Erskine, of Shieldfield, aged 62.
LEVYSON.—On January 1, at 17, The Greenway, Exbridge, the Rev. Wilfred Leverson, M.A., aged 77.
MILADE.—On the 25th ult., at 17, St. James's, W., Edith, widow of the late John Meade, of Earsham Hall, Norfolk, aged 85.
SAUNDERS.—On the 28th ult., at Bosworth, Brands Corner, Devon, Clervaux Morley Saunders, aged 51.
TURNER.—On the 31st ult., at 50, Hare-mansions, after a short illness, Helena, the loved wife of J. A. Turner.

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BATTLE OF THE POLLS.

Mr. Balfour's Letter to Sir
Edward Clarke.

CORDIAL MESSAGE.

Veteran K.C. Speaks of His First
Experience of Elections.

The first important note in the election campaign in the City of London was struck yesterday, when Sir Edward Clarke and the Hon. Alban Gibbs, the Conservative candidates, addressed an enthusiastic gathering of City men.

A pleasant surprise awaited the meeting in the form of a letter from Mr. Balfour. It was addressed to Sir John Puleston, the chairman, and read as follows:—

"I gather from a correspondent that a rumour has obtained currency to the effect that I look with little favour upon the candidature of my old friend Sir E. Clarke. In this there is not a single iota of truth. On the contrary, there are few things which would give me greater satisfaction than to see him returned to Parliament, where the party may obtain the great advantage of his brilliant advocacy which they so long enjoyed."

As no one had suspected that there was even any suspicion of bad feeling between the ex-Premier and his old colleague, the letter gave rise to much interesting speculation.

"MY FIRST POLITICAL MEETING."

There was an amusing incident. The date February 13 was several times mentioned. He understood, said Sir Edward, that Parliament was to assemble on February 13. He hoped that was true, for it was on February 13, 1898, that he had the opportunity of following Mr. Gladstone in the Home Rule debate, and it would be a very pleasant keeping of the anniversary if on February 13 he returned to take his seat in the House of Commons. (Cheers.)

When Sir William Trevelyan got up later he remarked that February 13 was important to him—he did not know whether it was a happy omen, but he was born then. (Laughter.)

"I am a native of London," remarked the great lawyer, "and it has always been my ambition to represent my own city in Parliament. The first political meeting I attended was on March 19, 1855. Lord John Russell was addressing the constituency at the Old London Tavern. He was opposed by Mr. Raikes Currie, who came from Northampton, and it was Lord John's allusion to Mr. Currie as 'a young man from the country' which was for years a catch-word of a popular song. The line ran: 'I'm a young man from the country, and you can't get over me.'"

"LITTLE FINALITY JOHN."

"I waited to see Lord John come out of the meeting, being then a boy of fourteen, and to my great delight I found Lord John Russell was not much taller than I was. As the men in the street used to say:—

I'm a dear little son of the Duke of Bedford,
I'm little Finality John.

"Since then," continued Sir Edward Clarke modestly, "I have won successes and had advantages of which I am proud, but I have never abandoned the hope of some day enjoying the supreme honour of representing the City in Parliament."

Sir Edward repeated his attitude of opposition to Home Rule, and declared his belief in the imposition of tariffs as a legitimate means of national defence against unfair treatment of our trade by others.

EX-PREMIER'S SURPRISE.

Denounces "Intellectual Incapacity" of Free Trade
Champions.

A scathing denunciation of the intellectual attitude of free traders towards Mr. Balfour's views on the fiscal question appears as a preface to the right hon. gentleman's book of fiscal speeches, which is to be published on Friday.

"One accidental interest the contents of this volume possess," he says, "which is fortunately quite independent of their intrinsic value. They are (it seems) above the comprehension of the Radical Party."

"I must own that at first I did not take these surprising confessions of incapacity very seriously. I regarded them as the somewhat rhetorical expressions of an agreeable modesty, whose too literal interpretation would have shocked none more than their authors."

"But when one distinguished politician after another announced his lack of comprehension, when on every platform in the kingdom they proclaimed with competitive emphasis the depths

of their bewilderment, I felt that further doubts on the subject would be insulting."

"The man who says he understands when he does not, may merely be mistaken; but one who says he does not understand when he does, must be deceiving with intent."

"It may, therefore, be taken as certain that the eminent persons to whom I have referred, and their less eminent disciples, are really incapable of comprehending the arguments and conclusions which find expression in the following pages—a circumstance of curious and rather pathetic interest."

"To find a measure of intelligence readily applicable to large numbers of educated adults who have passed the age of examination, might seem a task of some difficulty. We have apparently stumbled on one by accident."

THE ARMY COUNCIL.

The King has been pleased, by letters patent, under the Great Seal, to appoint the Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, Lieutenant-General Sir N. G. Lytton, K.C.B., Lieutenant-General Sir William Nicholson, K.C.B., Lieutenant-General Charles W. H. Douglas, C.B., Major-General Sir J. W. Murray, K.C.B., the Earl of Portsmouth, and Thomas R. Buchanan, Esq., to be the Army Council.

LORD ROBERTS AND THE ARMY.

A Bristol correspondent has written calling Lord Roberts's attention to the following statement in the election address of the Liberal candidate for West Bristol:—"The first duty of any Parliament must be to cut down the swollen expenditure of the country, and especially the enormous sums spent upon the Army, for which we are not receiving value. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and Lord Roberts support this view."

The reply, received through Lord Roberts's private secretary, states that "if the impression is that Lord Roberts approved of cutting down the expenditure on the Army it is entirely erroneous, and I am desired to give you his authority to contradict this unauthorised statement."

WHITE LABOUR IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Trade Unionists Say the Employment of the Yellow
Man, Is a Regrettable Necessity.

Mr. James Reid and Mr. William Rodgers, both of whom are trade unionists, have arrived in England from the Transvaal, for the purpose of explaining to the British people the industrial position there, especially in regard to Chinese labour.

Mr. Reid, in an interview with Reuter, stated yesterday that the people of this country fail to understand the native question:

Unskilled white labour in South Africa was an impossibility owing to the cost of living. There was a grave shortage of native labour, and therefore, Chinese labour became "a regrettable necessity connected with modern industry."

From the Transvaal standpoint it was deeply regrettable that this question, upon which a Colony's prosperity depended, should be dragged into the prejudice and passion of a general election.

ELECTION ITEMS.

The Cabinet meets to-day.

"We must resume our right to meet tariffs by tariffs," says Mr. Wyndham in his election address.

It is highly improbable that after his manifesto the Duke of Devonshire will take any further part in the forthcoming election.

"The coming election carries in its lap graver consequences than any election since 1852," says Lord Welby, the president of the Cobden Club.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Bishop of Winchester, and the Bishop of Chester have issued special diocesan letters on the general election.

Mr. C. H. Wellesley Wilson, son of Sir C. H. Wilson, who has been elevated to the peerage, will succeed his father as Liberal candidate for West Hull.

Owing to the heavy demand for motor-cars for the forthcoming London elections, the price has recently risen from £50 to £70 and £80 per car per week.

A strong south-easterly gale renders it doubtful whether Mr. Cathcart Watson, the Radical candidate, will be able to carry out his engagements in the Shetlands.

Mrs. Arthur Elliot, wife of the Hon. Arthur Elliot, who is marshalling the forces of the Free Food Unionists, died in her husband's presence at Freshwater on Monday.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson, on leaving his seat for Cambridge to try once more for Cumberland:—

It's well enough to come again
I hope the Cumberland seat to gain,
But "birds in hand" our case more fit
Than those that "in the bushes" sit.
Still, there's a lot of getting in
For, "nothing venture, nothing win!"

Mr. Frederick T. Jane, author of "All the World's Fighting Ships," has decided to stand as an Independent Naval candidate for Portsmouth. He is the sixth candidate before the electors.

"MASTER QUALITIES" OF THE BRITISH.

Parisians' Eager Welcome of the
Westminster Councillors.

ELOQUENT AMENITIES.

PARIS, Tuesday.—The Paris Municipal Council this morning entertained at luncheon Lord Cheylesmore and the other members of the municipal delegation from the City of Westminster.

M. Brousse, the president of the council, and M. de Selves, prefect of the Department of the Seine; presided, having the British visitors at their side. The guests numbered about 200, among them being the leading men connected with municipal affairs and the heads of the departments of the municipality. The banqueting-hall was handsomely decorated.

Lord Cheylesmore, on behalf of his colleagues, presented to the City of Paris a handsome loving cup, "in token of our frank and sincere friendship." (Prolonged applause.)

HISTORICAL RICHES OF LONDON.

M. Brousse, proposing the health of the visitors, said: "You bring to us by your presence, and continue before us, the historical riches of one of the greatest of the cities which go to make up London."

"And you, M. le Maire of the City of Westminster—all those present have found in you a fitting representative."

"As soldier, sportsman, and philanthropist, you unite in your person the three master qualities of the British mind—bravery, energy, and benevolence."

"Let us drink together, M. le Maire, to your health, to that of your colleagues, to the City which you so worthily represent, to London, to Paris, to England, and to her friend France." The speech was loudly cheered.

M. de Selves said: "You coming to-day emphasise once again the sentiments dear to our hearts. We drink to your beloved and respected Sovereign, to her Majesty the Queen-Empress, to admirable and proud England, the friend of France." (Prolonged cheers.)

LIVELY AFFECTION FOR THE FRENCH.

Mr. R. W. Granville Smith, councillor of the City of Westminster, speaking in French, said he was happy to say that the hearts of the English people were filled with feelings of lively affection for the French people.

"We have come here," he said, "to represent the great interests and the kindly sentiments of a people happy in its alliance with France." He concluded by expressing his admiration for the genius of the French people. He raised his glass to the honour of peace and to the improvement of the lot of the working classes of the two nations.

The Lord Mayor of London has sent the following telegram to M. de Selves, Prefect of the Seine:—"The Lord Mayor and the City of London offer you their cordial good wishes for the New Year."

M. de Selves suitably replied.—Reuter.

OLDEST CLERGYMAN IN ESSEX.

Dean Carrington, of Bocking, Eminent Scholar and
Author, Dies at the Age of Ninety-One.

Essex has lost her oldest clergyman by the sudden death yesterday, in his ninety-second year, of the Very Rev. Henry Carrington, dean and rector of Bocking.

Son of Sir E. C. Carrington, first Chief Justice of Ceylon, he became curate of Hadleigh, Suffolk, in 1838, and was appointed rector of Bocking, a living which confers the honorary title of dean, in 1845. His widow and two daughters, one of whom is the Countess Evelyn Martinego Cesasero, survive him.

An eminent scholar, the dean was the author of several works, including translations of Victor Hugo's poems, Thomas a Kempis, and Baudelaire. He also published an anthology on French poetry.

SIR E. GREY AND THE CONGO SCANDAL.

Sir Edward Grey has informed the secretary of the Congo Reform Association that his Majesty's Government has called the attention of the Congo Government to its non-publication of the evidence received by the Congo Commission.

FRANCE HONOURS BRITISH ADMIRALS.

Admiral Sir John Fisher was presented yesterday with the Grand Cordón of the French Legion of Honour, and the decoration of Grand Officer of the same Order was presented to Admiral Sir A. Douglas and Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Drury, in connection with the visit of the French fleet last summer.

MOSCOW TRAGEDY.

Four Thousand Rebels Said to Have
Surrendered to the Troops.

The Tsar, says an Exchange telegram from St. Petersburg, has issued a decree granting the Minister of Ways and Communications extraordinary powers authorising him to suppress the publication of newspapers, forbid public meetings, and take such measures as are necessary to prevent strikes on the railroads.

It is estimated that up to the present 1,600 revolutionists in Moscow have surrendered, though another account puts the number at 4,000. Four hundred and ten insurgents, says Reuter, remained in the Prokhoroff factory until yesterday, and life is gradually resuming its normal course. The banks have resumed work. A vast number of dead bodies are lying in the burial grounds at Presn.

The rumour that the rebels in the Zlatoust district have established a republic is denied. The Catherine Railway has been seized by the revolutionists, who have themselves taken over the work of running the trains. They have seized all the Government money, and have drawn up a tariff of their own. It is reported that the troops at Ekaterinoslav have mutinied.

At Bakmut, a snotin of Cossacks charged the rebels, who were routed and took to flight. Three hundred workmen were killed, while the troops lost three killed and seven wounded.

The Governor-General of Riga has prohibited all meetings. Cannon and quick-firing guns have been placed in position in Wochmann's Park. Troops occupy the pavilions in the gardens in readiness to suppress all disorders.

A large party of sailors from Kronstadt with a number of quick-firing guns has already arrived. The patrols in the streets are confiscating all revolvers found on the persons of passengers in the streets, even when they hold police permits.

GERMANY DENIES ESPIONAGE.

Official Repudiation of Dark Suggestions Recently
Made by the French Press.

BERLIN, Tuesday.—The semi-official "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says that, with regard to attempts to connect the German Government with the cases of espionage reported from Toulon and Marseilles, it is authorised to state that no German authority or any person serving in the German army or navy is in any way concerned in the events discussed in the French Press.—Reuter.

PARIS, Tuesday.—A telegram to the "Matin" from Toulon states that the detectives there yesterday evening arrested a German named W. Ludwig, who calls himself a commercial traveller, and has been in France for five years. He is suspected of complicity with the spies arrested at Marseilles.—Reuter.

The "Echo de Paris" states there is great joy in Germany at a Liberal Ministry coming into office in England, and attempts are being made to bring about a decisive rapprochement between the two countries.

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE FIXED.

PARIS, Tuesday.—A telegram to the "Echo de Paris" from Milan states that Prince Buelow is expected to arrive there before the meeting of the Algerian Conference on January 16.—Reuter.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Mr. Harrison Weir, the artist, after a bad night, was weaker yesterday.

A large British steamer was last night, according to a Dover telegram, ashore to the east of Dunkirk.

Throughout Upper India there is, says Reuter, a general scarcity of grass and water, and a long season of distress is feared.

Homicides and deaths by violence in the United States during 1905 numbered 9,212, five times as many as in 1885. There were also 9,982 suicides and 66 lynchings.

The death is announced at Adelaide of Mr. A. W. Sandford, a former member of the South Australian Legislature and a prominent figure in commercial and mining circles.

The ships of the Second Cruiser Squadron having all been docked and having completed their defects at Gibraltar, have been ordered home to give the same amount of leave to the men as has been given to the remainder of the Atlantic Fleet now at home.

The sentence of death pronounced by the Uganda Court on the two Waganda chiefs accused of the murder of Mr. Galt, Sub-Commissioner of Uganda, on May 19, 1905, has been quashed by the Court of Appeal at Mombasa, and the two prisoners have been released.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is: Squally south-easterly winds; showers; becoming colder. Lighting-up time, 5.1 p.m. Sea passages will be very rough.

"UNDESIRABLES" TO BE EXPELLED.

New Act Already Helping To Reduce
the Criminal Population.

AMUSING SCENE AT DOVER.

There has been no delay in putting into effect the section of the Aliens Act which provides for the expulsion of "undesirable" foreigners who have established themselves in this country. Magistrates seem thoroughly alive to the importance of this new instrument for the reduction of crime which has been placed at their disposal.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne yesterday, Solomon Markovitz, a German Jew of a degraded type, who had been convicted several times previously, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for attempted theft. The magistrates announced that they would certify the Home Office asking that the prisoner, at the expiration of his term of imprisonment, should be sent out of the country.

In the case of a German waiter named Otto Schmidt, who pleaded guilty at Clerkenwell Sessions to a charge of theft, the Recorder postponed sentence in order to consider whether he could apply the expulsion clause to the prisoner. At the Surrey Quarter Sessions at Kingston, the chairman, Mr. Cave, K.C., said a good many cases had been brought before the Court since the new Act would have been desirable to have had power to order their expulsion from the country.

Sorrows of the Rejected.

Naturally the Act does not meet with the approval of the aliens themselves. Nineteen of those who had been rejected spent a miserable afternoon yesterday in the new immigration shelter at Blackwall awaiting the decision of the Jewish Board as to whether they might be permitted, under their peculiar circumstances, to enter London.

They had passed the doctor and were physically a healthy lot of young men and women. But financially and because they had no friends or any more definite destination than "London," they had been refused admission.

They were a dejected lot, in their strange garb—the men in sheepskin coats and round fur hats, the women with shawls over their heads, short skirts, and heavy boots. One of them, a sturdy youth with black eyes and oval, sallow face, was vehement in his protests as to "free England's" treatment of him.

His name, he said, was Serge Pahloritch, and "I come to London to work," he declared volubly; "there is no work in my country. I make looks. I have worked in cities in Petersburg and Riga. I have this little money"—and he displayed a motley collection of a few shillings, a Russian rouble, and some German pence—"and I do no one any harm."

One curious point concerning the new Act is as to what is to become of those rejected as medically unfit. If they come from Hamburg they must be sent back at the steamship company's expense. And if London will not have them the port authorities at Hamburg will also refuse their admission. What will become of them?

Hunt for Missing Man.

There were several amusing incidents at Dover. Thirteen aliens were amongst the passengers on the Calais and Ostend steamer arriving at three yesterday morning, and by some error they left the ships with the ordinary passengers. The trains were delayed while a search was made, and eventually all were discovered except one man. Some were found in first-class carriages.

A hue and cry was raised for the missing alien, who was later found in the town and brought back to the receiving-house.

One man who was detained was a commercial traveller with three trunks of jewellery in his possession worth a large sum of money. Strong complaints were made by a Manchester man who had been detained at Calais by the steamship authorities under suspicion of having made a false declaration. This man has been employed at Roubaix, and the French authorities believed him to be a Frenchman.

A curious difficulty in connection with the administration of the Act arose at Southampton yesterday, when the destitute shipwrecked crew of the American barque Edward C. Mayberry were forbidden to land until the United States Consul had entered into a bond holding himself personally responsible for them until they were transhipped to the United States.

NEW SITE FOR THE DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL.

In spite of contrary rumours, the removal of the Duke of York's Royal Military School from Chelsea will be delayed for about two years. A site has been selected at Guston, between Dover and Ramsgate, but the contract has not been settled. And a long period will be required for building the new school.

The Duke of York will give a tea to 1,600 poor children at the town hall this afternoon at four o'clock.

FASHION IN NECKLACES.

Plain Strings of Pink Coral the Most
Sought After.

Fickle fashion, as powerful in regard to jewellery as in other forms of feminine adornment, decrees that at present necklaces must be of coral.

As much as £100 and £150 are frequently paid for these ornaments, and £400 was recently given to a Regent-street firm for a plain pink coral necklace.

The fashionable necklace is a plain string of pink corals, resembling pink pearls more than anything else. The value of the coral depends upon its colour, and as the pink variety is hard to obtain, and only the most delicate shades find favour, the price is likely to rise.

It is chiefly in necklaces that coral is worn; in other forms it is practically unused.

The present "coral rage" is not anticipated to live very long, and twelve months hence will probably find the hundred-guinea string of pink corals that is so sought after to-day locked away and forgotten in the jewel cabinet of its fair mistress.

"OXFORD SPIRIT" NOT ENERGETIC.

American Rhodes Scholar's Keen Appreciation of
the Games and Examinations.

Mr. Stanley Royal Ashby, one of the American Rhodes Scholars at Oxford, says in the January "Macmillan" that it must be "a man's own fault if he feels out in the cold" in the ancient university.

"We could not not have been treated better if we had been born Englishmen," he continues.

"Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of student life, apart from studies, is found in college athletics. The spirit of Oxford, though not energetic, is, I am coming to believe more and more, none the less productive of good results."

"Oxford," adds Mr. Ashby, "has reduced examining to a science."

IRISH "NO-RENTERS" FURIOUS.

Sir George Colthurst's Tenants Turbulently Parade
the Streets of Cork.

Sir George Colthurst in particular, and landlords in general, were the objects of a remarkable hostile demonstration at Cork yesterday.

Negotiations to purchase Sir George Colthurst's estate at Ballyvaughan fell through, and as the tenants—200 in number—refused to pay rent, six holdings were put up for sale under execution. All were purchased by the agent of the Landlords' Defence Union amid boisterous scenes.

Then the tenants, preceded by a band, marched round the city, halting at the land agent's office and the County Club, where they raised angry cries against Sir George Colthurst. A large force of police prevented further disorder.

MUMMY'S SQUEAK OF PROTEST.

Weird Demonstration During Changes in the
Egyptian Section of the British Museum.

Many visitors to the British Museum were chilled to the bone yesterday by unearthly screeches proceeding from the Egyptian section, where the mummies are. It was as though the spirits of the tenants of the granite sarcophagi had returned to protest against the "general pot" which is going on in response to the order for systematic arrangement of the exhibits.

As the huge, black granite coffin of Hapimen, a royal scribe of the XXVI. Dynasty, was being dragged on wooden rollers inch by inch to a new position, the rollers gave birth to heartrending moans and squeaks.

Once there was a cry of dismay from the men, when it was seen that the delicately-engraved surface of the coffin had cracked. But the damage was only to the cunning plaster restoration, and could easily be replaced.

So the labour and the noise went on, while Ramses and Menephtah, Osiris and Hathor, gazed apparently unmoved.

RAIN SPOILS SPORT AT CHATSWORTH.

Shooting was abandoned at Chatsworth yesterday, as rain fell continuously, and all their Majesties had in the way of outdoor amusement was an hour's spin a motor-car.

ROYAL MESSAGE TO LONDON FIREMEN.

Amid loud cheers, the following message was read to the members of the London Fire Brigade while they were holding their New Year festivities at the Southwark headquarters:—

"I am commanded by the King and Queen to thank the chief officers, officers, and men of the London Fire Brigade for their good wishes for the New Year.—Egmont."

MR. HALL CAINE'S LOSS

Success of "The Prodigal Son" as
a Play Cost Him £1,000.

MISS HOME LIFE.

In consequence of having produced the most successful play of the season, says Mr. Hall Caine, he is more than £1,000 out of pocket.

He has made this astonishing statement to a "Book Monthly" representative, to show that the popular belief that plays pay their authors better than novels is unfounded.

"Probably no new play, within the last twenty-five years, has drawn to the pay-box as much money as 'The Prodigal Son,' taking the time during which it ran," he says.

"My royalties have been of my own making. The drama has been produced in America, and I have received money from half a dozen European capitals where the piece is being played, or is to be played."

Rehearsing in New York.

"Even so, when I count all that up against the time occupied in writing or rewriting; in the rehearsing in London and New York; the other travelling required, and the general dislocation of my home life for a year—why, I find that I am out of pocket."

"It is not that I have earned £1,000 less than I should have done had I been writing a new novel, but that I am really out of pocket over the whole business to that amount, counting the extra expense which, in a score of ways, has fallen upon me."

BRASS RINGS FOR "GOLD."

Street-Vendor's Novel Plea That Customer's Eagerness Legalises a Transaction.

An ingenious plea was put forward by George Williams, remanded yesterday, at Westminster, on a charge of robbing Charles Meadley, a soldier, of 6s. 2d. by means of a trick.

Williams, meeting Meadley in Victoria-street, just after he had arrived home on furlough, offered him a massive "gold" ring for 6s. "and a drink."

The money passed, but when Meadley had the ring tested he found it was only brass. He demanded his money back from Williams, who refused it and was arrested.

Williams now pleaded that the soldier's eagerness for a bargain "made it a case of sale without misrepresentation."

NOVEL SIGNALLING METHODS.

Pneumatic System Labour-Saving and More Convenient for Railway Employees.

Successful experiments with a pneumatic system, signals and points being worked by means of compressed air instead of by rod and wire, are being made by the London and South-Western Railway at portions of the lines between Basingstoke and Woking, and at Salisbury and Staines.

Much manual labour is saved under the new system, and the old-time signal wires and point rods, which formed a great obstruction to the employees, are done away with.

It is now possible to work the points and signals at a large junction from one box, where, before, three were required.

If the trials continue to prove successful, the London and South-Western Railway intend to introduce the system throughout the whole of the lines. The Great Central Railway are also installing a large part of their system with pneumatic signals.

LIFE ON TWO SHILLINGS A WEEK.

Terrible Struggle of Two Aged Splinter Sisters,
Who Made Ties at Fivepence a Dozen.

Fanny and Susan Wilson were splinter sisters over the age of seventy, who tried to live at Peckham by making gentlemen's ties.

Their struggle for existence was revealed at the Camberwell Coroner's Court yesterday at the inquiry concerning the death of Fanny, who died from pneumonia.

Susan Wilson said they were paid 5d. or 6d. a dozen, and made between them 1s. a day, working from six in the morning till the evening.

Of late they had done nothing, but had received 7s. a week relief, out of which they paid 3s. rent. The Coroner: Two shillings a week for each of you to live on.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from natural causes.

CABMEN'S UNPOPULAR BADGES.

"It is the half-crown deposit, more than the new badge, to which the cabmen are objecting," said the secretary of the London Cabdrivers' Union to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

GALE'S MANY VICTIMS.

Shipping Mishaps Continue, Though Seas
Are Calmer.

Although the great gale has abated somewhat in violence, the weather is still stormy enough to cause numerous casualties round the coasts.

A dramatic story is told by the master of the Norwegian steamer *Helmsdal*, which has arrived at Hartlepool. The condition of the vessel in the North Sea was such that the *Helmsdal* was launched.

Fourteen men got into the boat when, as it was supposed, the ship was on the point of foundering, the rope was cut by someone in the boat. The master and five men left on board were able, however, to navigate the ship. It is supposed that the fourteen men were drowned.

The schooner *Speranza*, of Lannon, was wrecked off Wicklow yesterday, but the crew, with the exception of a boy who was drowned, landed in their own boat.

The *Peita*, a large steamer on her way from Bilbao to Cardiff, was yesterday wrecked off Porthcawl. The crew took to the boats in time, and managed to land in a very exhausted condition.

Owing to a heavy mist the steamers *Granda* and *Chesapeake* collided in the Mersey, and the former was run ashore. Lifeboats went out, but the captain decided to await tugboats, in the hope that vessel might be towed into safety.

The Tenby lifeboat also went out to a dismasted vessel.

DETECTIVE KILLED BY KAFFIRS.

Townsmen Send £230 for His Widowed Mother in
England.

Four detectives, raiding a native location near Port Elizabeth, where it was suspected illicit drinking was carried on, were attacked by 200 Kaffirs armed with knives, stones, and revolvers.

Closing together the men discharged their revolvers, and, using the butt-ends, fought their way through the mob, all being severely injured.

One of them named Gibble afterwards died. He was well known as a footballer and cricketer both in Hampshire and South Africa.

For two years he acted as gymnastic instructor to the St. Andrew's Lads' Brigade in Bournemouth.

The public of Port Elizabeth subscribed £230 for the benefit of his widowed mother, and the sum has been forwarded to the Mayor of Bournemouth.

MOTOR-CYCLIST BANDIT.

Bold Leader Who Outwitted the Police and Inspired a
Gang with Awe.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Tuesday.—Trabucco, the famous bandit, of the south of France, has just been sentenced, at Aix-en-Provence, to ten years' penal servitude for two robberies out of many which he is known to have committed.

Head of a gang who informed him as to opportunities for plunder and the movements of the gendarmes, he was endowed with an intelligence and boldness which inspired his followers with awe.

By the aid of a powerful motor-cycle, he covered distances at a speed which compassed the police. When hard pressed, he would cross into Italy, returning only to perpetrate another crime.

MONKEY CAPTURES A DOG.

German Sportsman Has an Exciting Adventure
While Out Shooting.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, Tuesday.—The owner of a large estate near Schoenholz, in the Westphalia district, was out shooting recently when he heard his dog, which had run on in front into the forest, howling piteously.

Arriving at the spot, he found the animal in a sorry plight. On the dog's back was seated a full-grown monkey, which was amusing itself by raining blows right and left on the animal's head. The dog's efforts to free itself were of no avail, for even when it rolled over on its back the monkey managed to keep it hold somehow.

As it was impossible to approach close to the monkey the sportsman shot it. Probably the animal had escaped from a travelling circus.

THE A B C GUIDE.

Complementary to the chart is the "Daily Mail A B C Election Guide," price 3d., a little book crammed full of information concerning the policies of both parties. The issues before the country are succinctly and succinctly set forth by first-class political authorities.

Orders for both the election chart and the guide, or either, may be sent direct to the Publisher, 2, Carnarvon House, London, an extra penny stamp being enclosed to cover cost of postage.

FIVE SHILLINGS

A LINE.

Mr. Churchill's Remuneration for the Life of His Father.

£8,000 DOWN.

Mr. Winston Churchill's life of his father was paid for at the rate of 5s. a line, or 6d. a word.

In addition to having to his credit during actions in warfare and the House of Commons, the member for Oldham can now claim to have written one of the most lucrative volumes the world has ever seen.

It is true that Mr. Morley received £10,000 for his life of Gladstone, but as his biography consisted of 1,972 pages, and Mr. Churchill's is only composed of 1,086, honours undoubtedly rest with the younger man.

Messrs. Macmillan are paying Mr. Churchill £8,000 down, and, in addition, half the profits after they have pocketed £4,000 as their share. If the book is the great success it is expected to be, every word written by Mr. Churchill may prove to be worth 1s. instead of a paltry 6d.

In comparison with the £5 paid to Milton for "Paradise Lost," and the £15 Oliver Goldsmith is said to have received for "The Vicar of Wakefield," the price to be obtained for a modern biography seems more enormous.

£27,000 for Eight Stories.

Mr. Kipling is said to have received one shilling a word for one of his short stories, and the "New York World" is stated to have paid Sir Arthur Conan Doyle 2s. 6d. a word for several of the "Sherlock Holmes" series. The "Strand Magazine," too, paid Sir Arthur £7,000 for the last eight of the short stories written around the famous detective.

Miss Marie Corelli is believed to make £20,000 out of each of her novels, and some of Mr. Hall Caine's works have been even more profitable, but it is few writers who can command an income even approaching those mentioned.

Beaumont Newhall was paid £10,000 for "Endymion," which, published in a very bad season, almost ruined the enterprising firm which bought it. Zola, who was paid a franc a copy royalty on his books, after "L'Assommoir," made £50,000 out of his last eleven works.

Macaulay, too, was paid £14,000 for his "History of England," but the labour of compiling it was truly herculean.

LONDON'S LOSS BY DROUGHT.

Rainfall for the Month of December 66,500,000 Tons Below the Average.

Owing to the great drought in December London has lost 66,500,000 tons of rain.

This is equal to 26,600,000 quarts, a quantity which, if everybody in London drank a quart of it a day, would last for over eleven years.

The whole of the past year was exceptionally dry, especially in the Midlands and south of England, although in the north of Scotland it was even wetter than usual—a circumstance, it is suggested, which explains the large consumption of whisky in that quarter.

The absence of rain is said to account largely for the dirty condition of London at present. "It seems to have forgotten how to rain," said an official to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "It only drizzles and turns the dust into muck. It is out of fashion to rain hard and clean the thoroughfares."

GENERAL BOOTH'S MEAGRE DIET.

How the Veteran Salvation Army Chief Accounts for His Marvellous Energy.

"I do not know that I have been much better in health for many years," says General Booth, who is in his seventy-seventh year, in his annual message to the "soldiers" of the Salvation Army. "I still stick to my simple diet. I have not taken fish, fowl, nor flesh in any form for the last seven years, and during the whole of that time have scarcely missed a single public engagement."

"My heart longs," he adds, "for a mighty wave of salvation to sweep over the land."

The Right Hon. Richard Sisson, Premier of New Zealand, has cabled to General Booth: "God bless and prosper the noble work of the Salvation Army; grant you health and a happy new year."

DISTINCTIVE BACHELOR MANNERS.

"Is he married," asked Judge Lumley Smith at the City of London Court yesterday concerning a debtor.

Plaintiff: "It is hard to say, but by his manners I should say he was single."

STAGE-STRUCK YOUNGSTER

Adventures of "England's Youngest Comedian" Bring Him Into Serious Trouble.

The amazing history of a stage-struck youth—his name is Alfred Russell, and he is only fifteen—was related at the Tower Bridge Police Court yesterday, when he was remanded on a charge of theft.

He is, according to the police, the son of a musician employed at the Blackpool Winter Gardens, and in a theatre in that town had been employed as a call boy.

The occupation appears to have fired his imagination. The ambition to be a great actor became irresistible. He ran away from a good home.

On the lady's behalf, Mr. Budden made a most unusual and striking defence. He compared this remarkable stage-struck youth with the boy-actor known as "the youthful Roscius," who, a century ago, attained fame and fortune at Drury Lane before he was twenty, playing leading tragic parts.

Russell hoped to repeat the success, overlooking the gravity of the offence of "simply stealing" whilst waiting for the smiles of Fortune.

HOPE FOR STRAPHANGERS.

Automatic Signalling Will Soon Make Possible a Two-minute Service on the District Railway.

Hope beams brightly ahead for the straphangers, and ere long their involuntary gymnastics and dislocating contortions over, they may be telling their children, as a thrilling variant on ghost stories, of their weird experiences under old conditions on the District Railway.

Within a week or two, as soon as the Board of Trade have sanctioned the use of the system of automatic signalling now completed, the company will begin to run more trains, and, gradually increasing the service, will be able at an early date to run, at busy times, twice as many trains as can now be dispatched.

Not only will a two-minute service be established at need, but the conditions of safety will be increased by the new system.

EXPRESS CANAL BARGES.

Motor-Driven Boats Will Lead to Supersession of Plodding Towpath Horses.

In this age of speed it is scarcely surprising to learn that the towpath horse, admittedly the slowest animal in existence, is threatened with supersession.

It is hoped to revive canal navigation by substituting motor-driven barges for the unsatisfactory horse-drawn boats, and experiments are now being made with a suction-producer gas-motor, which Messrs. Thornycroft and Co. of Chiswick have introduced.

A practical test was begun yesterday with the barge *Duchess*, which started from Brentford for a distant destination in the Midlands.

MISERY DUE TO A DIAMOND PIN.

Borough Official's Wife Sent to Prison for Theft at Christmas at a Friend's House.

"It was all a sudden temptation," pleaded Alice Somerville, of Harley-street, Bow, wife of the outside electrical surveyor of the Stepney Borough Council, when she again appeared before the Stratford magistrates yesterday.

Mrs. Somerville had, on the previous day, pleaded guilty to stealing a £30 diamond scarf-pin whilst she was paying a Christmas Day visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bocking, at Snarebrook. She pledged it for £10.

The husband, for whose appearance the case had been adjourned, said he was in a good situation, and he was sorry to say his wife drank. She no doubt committed the theft to buy drink.

Mrs. Somerville, who denied her husband's statement, and said she took the pin because she was in debt, was sentenced to one month in the second division.

MAGISTRATE THE PRISONER'S FRIEND.

Mr. Garrett, inquiring into the antecedents of a man who was before him at West London Police Court yesterday, was told by the constable that they could not find anything against him.

Magistrate: Please don't use that phrase. I do so object to it. I want to know if there's anything in the man's favour.

Prisoner was discharged.

To capitalise sixty gas undertakings to be promoted in the new Parliament, £4,250,000 will be required, says the "Gas World."

ENTENTE OF TALK.

Paris and Cambridge Undergraduates to Meet in Debate.

INTERESTING CHALLENGE.

Friendship with France is now the keynote of the average Briton's outlook on foreign questions, and it is satisfactory to find that the young men who will some day play a great part in governing England are not slow to follow the example set them by the King and the responsible statesmen of the country.

The University of Cambridge, true to its tradition of progressive thought, is taking a peculiarly interesting part in the spreading of the entente. The Union Society, the famous debating club in which so many budding statesmen have gained their earliest reputation, has sent a novel challenge to the General Association of Paris Students. Paris is invited to send to Cambridge her two finest debaters, to meet a similarly selected pair of Cantabs in debate upon a given subject.

The linguistic difficulty exists, for there are not many English undergraduates who possess a sufficiently fluent command of French to hold forth with the vigour of an incipient Mirabeau, and in France a similar knowledge of English is perhaps even a rarer gift. The meeting of the debaters, however, would be a most interesting affair.

Session of French Plays.

It is a suggestive fact that the subject upon which M. Neumarch, president of the Paris University, and M. Bokanowski, will speak at Cambridge on February 20 next is "The right of a Government to declare war without the consent of the people." This thesis will doubtless be discussed from the point of view that a national friendship is of more value than many official treaties.

The visit will be returned a month later, when the Cambridge representatives will visit the Sorbonne.

Meanwhile another fillip to the entente is afforded in London by the arrival yesterday of Mme. Réjane, the great Parisian actress, to open Mr. Gaston Mayer's season of French plays, at the Royalty Theatre. She will be succeeded by other actors and actresses of equal fame—many of them members of the Comédie Française.

M. Claretie, the controller of that august body, must, indeed, have had his heart softened by the genial influence of the entente to have permitted so great an indulgence to Mr. Gaston Mayer, and Mr. Mayer told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that the same cordial relation between the nations has prompted him to go to the enormous trouble and expense entailed by the bringing over of 150 French actors and actresses of the first rank, in a season of two months' duration.

SHEEP-STEALING FARMER.

Sent to Prison for Systematic Robberies from Flocks Upon Mountains.

Sheep-stealing, to the ordinary person, smacks of a bygone age, and the Merionethshire Quarter Sessions yesterday afforded a remarkable instance of the offence, for which many a man has died on the gallows.

A prominent farmer and cattle-dealer, living at Carrog Corwen, was placed in the dock accused of stealing fifty-one sheep belonging to Robert Roberts, of Treblich, Denbighshire. Those locks, it was stated, the accused supervised whilst they were grazing at Rhagatt Park, Carrog.

At this place Roberts had no fewer than 500 sheep, and the case for the prosecution was that Davies drove a number of them to Llangollen and sold them.

Unexpectedly the prosecutor appeared upon the scene soon after the "deal," whereupon Davies, although the sheep were being prepared for dispatch to the purchaser, cancelled the bargain.

The defence was that the accused only received 1s. 6d. weekly, and had discharged liabilities on the prosecutor's behalf. There was no fraudulent intent in what he did.

But Davies was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

£300 BERTHS ON A PLEASURE TRIP.

From £275 to £300 each has been given for the majority of the berths on the Cunard liner *Caronia*, which leaves New York on Tuesday on a thirty-two days' pleasure trip in the Mediterranean.

Gibraltar, Genoa, Naples, and Fiume will be visited; a newspaper will be printed on board daily; and the ship's band is to be replaced by a special orchestra.

CURIOUS MESSAGE FROM THE SEA.

"S.S. Ilex, 1.15 p.m., November 23, 1905. Please hand to *Daily Mirror*. Thrown over in mid-Channel."

This communication in a wine-bottle has just been picked up on the beach near Worthing, Sussex.

LONDON'S CHILD STAR.

Norah Nagle Tells Just How She Felt at Her Successful Waldorf Debut.

To become a star upon a first appearance is the fortune of few actresses, yet Miss Norah Nagle, the charming child who plays the Honey Bee in "Noah's Ark" at the Waldorf, has achieved this distinction.

Her first appearance was on Monday afternoon, and within twenty-four hours she had gained the fame implied by special notices from the chief theatrical critics of London.

Seen between the acts yesterday by the *Daily Mirror*, the pretty little fairy—she is about three feet high—described some of her impressions. "I have never played in anything before," she said, "except a little play called 'The New Baby,' at St. Edward's Schools."

"I like acting very much, and I didn't feel a bit frightened yesterday, although I did at some of the rehearsals."

"I used to like reciting at school, but, beyond that, I have never been taught anything about acting."

She has, however, an elder sister on the stage.

COMEDIAN'S HOME TROUBLES.

Wife Complains That When She Told Him She Was Destitute He Gave Her Threepence.

Maipland Marder, a comedian playing a leading part in "The Forty Thieves" at Marlborough Theatre, Holloway, N., appeared yesterday as defendant at the West London Police Court.

His wife—the daughter of the late Mr. Clarke, lessee of the old Grecian Theatre—complained that he had deserted her, and that, on several occasions, when she told him she was starving, he refused assistance.

Once he said, "You are looking well," and gave her 6d. He added that he would be happy to see her dead.

On another occasion, when she said she was destitute, he gave her 3d. Questioned whether she could not have had an engagement in the Croydon pantomime, she said that she had contracted rheumatism through having to plunge into a tank at another Theatre.

The husband denied his wife's charges, and the Bench granted an adjournment to see if the parties could come to an agreement.

BETRAYED BY HANDWRITING.

Prisoner Declares that the Verdict, Based on Circumstantial Evidence, Is "Black Justice."

The identification of his handwriting on certain slips of paper was responsible for John Memory, a butcher, being found guilty yesterday at Clerkenwell Sessions of breaking and entering a Clapton warehouse.

The slips were somewhat enigmatical.

I came for the turkeys, but was too late—Yours truly, J. M.

Beware of the bulldog up the yard; he is a beauty.

It's a pity there ain't some money. I know there is none in the safe. Would not tickle it.

When sentenced to eight months' hard labour, Memory protested his innocence, and added: "It's black justice—black, very black!"

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

"Daily Mail" Election Chart and A B C Guide on Sale Everywhere To-day.

Equipped with a copy of the "Daily Mail" A B C Election Guide and the "Daily Mail" election chart, which are on sale to-day, and can be obtained at all booksellers, our readers have all that is necessary to be well-informed on election matters.

The "Daily Mail" election chart contains two maps of Great Britain and Ireland, each divided into 670 squares representing the 670 parliamentary seats. In the first map the squares are coloured to indicate in every case the politics of the present holder of the seat.

A blue square shows that the seat is Unionist, red that it is Liberal, green that it is Nationalist, and yellow that it is Labour.

The chart is published by George Philip and Son, Ltd., 32, Fleet-street, London, E.C., at 1s. or 1d. per copy. With each chart is enclosed a particulars of a competition with a prize of £50 for the most accurate election forecast.

SEQUEL TO BISHOP v. CLERK INCIDENT.

Owing to the publicity given to the affair in the *Daily Mirror*, the decision of the Great Central Railway Company to dismiss the clerk at Nottingham, said by Bishop Brindle to have "sworn a sovereign when he gave change for a sovereign only," has been rescinded.

The clerk, it will be remembered, strenuously denied that he received more than half a sovereign.

ACTRESS'S PERILOUS TOUR IN RUSSIA.

Narrow Escapes from Death While
Playing in Disordered Cities.

THEATRE STRUCK BY BOMB

"Russia is a beautiful country, but as things are now I would not go back there for untold wealth," said Mlle. Marie Laporte, the charming Swedish comedienne who is scoring such a success at the Alhambra, to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

For the last seven months I have been touring in that unhappy country, and it has made me look ten years older. I shall never forget the fearful sights of bloodshed I saw in Lodz and other towns. I was in St. Petersburg in the early part of the summer, and then went to Moscow, and then to Riga, where beautiful houses were being burnt daily by the revolutionary mob. People who went out did so at the risk of their lives.

"I was living on the first floor of a large six-storied hotel, and one night the two top floors were burning just before I set out for the theatre. I had to jump from the window into a sheet held by firemen to save my life."

"I reached Warsaw in October, and ten days afterwards the disturbance began. The theatre at which I was playing was closed for over thirteen days. We were only out of our rooms twice in some five months, and then only for about five minutes at a time, the police ordering us back."

ONLY BLACK BREAD TO EAT.

"Every shop in the town was closed. Even if you had a million of money you could not have bought anything. Bombs were flying about in the air, and the booming of guns reached us at all hours during the day and night. We had nothing but black bread to eat, and we were very thankful to get even that."

"For eight days we appeared at the theatres, and the only lights obtainable were candles, and one night a bomb was thrown at me on the stage, but it fortunately did not explode. In the dressing-rooms for about twenty people there were only four candles. Usually it is the practice in Russia for the theatres to keep open until three in the morning, but no one is allowed in after eleven o'clock. The students, however, became so wild and unruly that they demanded admittance to the theatre at three o'clock in the morning. The stage-manager refused, and fired point-blank at the mob, hitting a student in the back, killing him outright."

WHOLESALE MURDER.

"When I got to Lodz people were being murdered wholesale in the streets, and what you have read in the papers is nothing. You cannot possibly imagine what the terrible outrages were like; it is impossible to believe without having seen the frightful spectacle which confronted one daily in the street, if one were brave enough to venture forth."

"I worked five or six days in the theatre at Lodz, but soon afterwards the terror I naturally experienced on the stage through fear of being shot it made me seriously ill and kept me in bed for eight days."

"When returning from the theatre to the hotel we were usually escorted by at least three soldiers. At the largest hotels many people actually preferred to sleep out on sofas on the balcony, hoping to escape the terrible bombs which were hurled at night."

"I had to be in London by January 1, but there were no trains running, and at last I called at the theatre one day with seven other artists to ask the manager to assist us to leave. Whilst in the theatre a bomb struck out on the balcony, and nearly killed us all to death. It was within a few feet of where we were, and we narrowly escaped with our lives. When I left on December 18 the Jewish quarters were being pillaged and sacked."

"From Lodz to Kallach we did the eight hours' ride in a furniture van on the road, because no trains were running. When we reached the German frontier we were devoutly thankful, and for the first time in about two months we tasted decent food. I eventually arrived in Berlin, which was then full of Russians and Poles."

Mlle. Laporte has not been in England for several years. She has spent altogether three and a half years in Russia and three years in Scandinavia.

Election Agents

Should see that their canvassers are equipped with copies of the "Daily Mail" Year Book for 1906, which gives in handy form the pros and cons of every question now before the electorate.

'Daily Mail' Year Book.

1/6 OF ALL BOOKSELLERS. 1/6

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Lord Iveagh sent £1,000 to the Church Army yesterday for the assistance of the unemployed and destitute.

The Royal Naval and Military Tournament this year will take place at Olympia, from May 17 to June 2.

Sir W. H. Wills, on his elevation to the peerage, has taken the title of Lord Winterstoke, of Blagdon, Somerset.

Three hundred and fifty Royal Artillerymen are thrown out of employment by the Army Council discharges of non-commissioned officers issued yesterday.

Four hundred pupils have passed through the L.C.C. school of cookery at the Dock-street Sailors' Home. E. Sea-captains greatly prefer cooks with L.C.C. certificates.

At Workington, Cumberland, during the last two days, has taken place the annual Eisteddfod, founded twenty-seven years ago by a colony of Welsh tin-plate workmen.

"I got too many Christmas-boxes," pleaded a prisoner at Stratford yesterday, in explanation of an assault he committed on his wife while under the influence of drink. He was bound over.

Lewisham ratepayers, complaining to the County Council that their new mayor (being a master in a London County Council school), is their "paid servant," have been informed that there is no regulation against a teacher taking the civic chair.

Estate worth £104,524 was left by the late Canon Thomas Blundell H. Blundell, honorary chaplain to the King, and for over forty years rector of Halsall, near Ormskirk.

Frightened by a motor-car on Trent Bridge, Nottingham, yesterday, a cow leaped over the parapet, turned a complete somersault, fell on the river bank, and was killed.

So great has been the demand for instruction in motor-car driving at Battersea Polytechnic that applicants will, for the future, have to enter the classes according to precedence of application.

At a meeting of the Bible Binding Trade at the London Chamber of Commerce yesterday, it was resolved that an increase in prices for binding should take effect from the beginning of the present year.

"There must be among your readers some who have a kindly recollection of 'Merry Margate,'" writes the mayor to the *Daily Mirror*, appealing for subscriptions in aid of the many local unemployed.

By the bursting of a gas-engine in the works of Messrs. Griffiths, iron merchants, of Wolverhampton, yesterday, and the consequent breaking of a fly-wheel revolving at full speed, four women were seriously injured.

The 100th performance of "The Merchant of Venice," at the Garrick Theatre, when a handsome souvenir will be presented to every member of the audience, takes place not, as announced, to-night, but next Wednesday.

OVERAWING THE MOSCOW REVOLUTIONARIES.



Scene in the Tversky Boulevard, Moscow. Troops were continually marched and counter-marched along this wide thoroughfare, to impress rioters with the armed strength of the Government.

The rate for telegrams to all places in Alaska has been increased from 2s. 7d. to 2s. 9d. a word.

Essex County Council yesterday approved the purchase of a site for a new asylum at Colchester for £10,650.

Sixty-five photographs by royal amateurs, including Queen Alexandra, will be exhibited this week at the "Kodak" Galleries in Oxford-street.

At a meeting of Birmingham dentists it was decided that the Welsh water supplied to that city would be a boon to the profession owing to its deficiency in tooth-forming material.

A hymn-book presented to a London cabman by Thompson, otherwise "Bendigo," the famous pugilist, who became a revivalist preacher, was sold yesterday in an East-end auction-room.

"A large paper balloon, marked Southend-on-Sea, dated December 31, found in my garden New Year's Day, 8 a.m.," advertises a Battersea resident in the "Evening News" personal column.

Several members of the Eastbourne Council, at the last meeting, complained that the conditions as to sea defences attaching to the gift by the Duke of Devonshire of land at the east end of the town were too stringent, and the matter was referred back.

"As an antidote to the reading of trashy books," the masters of Detmold-road County Council school, Hackney, have formed a book club for the scholars. Each child contributes 3d. weekly towards the purchase of books in the Harmsworth Library, which are lent to all the members in rotation.

No explanation of the death of an unknown man, found by the roadside in Kirby Underdale, Yorkshire, was forthcoming at the inquest. Portions of the man's clothing were found seven miles away.

The employment by gamekeepers of boys as beaters in North Wales is objected to by the Denbighshire County Council, who have represented to the gamekeepers and landowners that there are plenty of unemployed men who would be glad of this class of work.

AMUSEMENTS, CONCERTS, ETC.

DO YOU WISH TO ENJOY a hearty laugh and take your family to where they can enjoy innocent fun and refined amusement? Then take them to the ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS, Argyle-st., W. N. Daily, 3 and 5. Special attractions Xmas Holiday 1s. to 5s. Children half-price. Box-office, 10 to 10. Tel. 4126 Ger. Immediate booking advised to avoid disappointment.

MASKELYNE and DEVANT'S MYSTERIES (late Maskelyne and Cooke's), ST. GEORGE'S HALL, LANGHAM-PLACE, W. Daily, at 3 and 8. "Mead Moth" (new version, including Indian Mango Trick); M. C. Tamaroff, the Japanese Blind; New Problems; The Crystal Vases; "Enchanted Hiss"; "Burmese Gong," etc. Reserved Seats, 2s. to 5s.; Balcony, 1s.; Children under 12 half-price. Phone, 1455 Mayfair. Telegrams, "Maskelyne," London.

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FIRST MATINEE, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, and Every Wednesday and Saturday following, at 2.30. Box-office open 10 to 10. Tels. 5183 and 5194 Ger.

NEW ROYALTY THEATRE, Dean-street, Shaftesbury-avenue. THEATRE FRANCAIS. Director, Mr. Gaston Mayer. TO-MORROW (Thurs.) at 8.30, MADAME REJANE. La SOURIS.

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Jan. 10, 11.—HEUREUSE, comedy in three acts, by MM. Hennequin and Billaud.

Jan. 12, 13.—LE LA SOURIS, play in three acts, by H. Bernstein. Matinee, Sat. Next, LA SOURIS; Jan. 13, LA RAFALE. Box-office open daily, 10 to 5. Tel. 2852 Gerrard.

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ALEXANDRA THEATRE, STOKES NEW-INGTON. N.—The Grand Children's Xmas Pantomime ALL BABY AND THE FORTY THIEVES. IMPORTANT NOTICE. Owing to the length of the performance and the extremely funny comic scene act of Lockhart's Elephants, no performance will commence after 2 o'clock and bookings 7.15. Matinee (daily) until further notice. Usual popular prices. Children under 10 admitted half-price at Matinee.

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IGNORANT YOUTH v.
PREJUDICED AGE.

YOUTH came in for a significant attack by Sir Henry Fowler, one of the veterans of the new Cabinet, in the speech which he made at Wednesfield. The young men of to-day, he said, were profoundly ignorant, and did not know what the question of Free Trade meant. For his part, he was convinced that any attempt to "reverse the policy of the last sixty years" would lead the country to "a time of the greatest disaster."

Sir Henry no doubt thinks that the charge of ignorance which he brings against the misguided youth of Britain—amongst whom must be included Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour—is an exceedingly damaging one. But there is something to be said for the argument that ignorance, besides proverbially being bliss, has also a negative kind of wisdom about it. Youth, in a word, may know nothing—but it is also free from prejudice.

So it may be with this particular case. The old assert: "The policy of the last sixty years must not be reversed." The young reply: "Why? Because it is sixty years old?" On the question of free trade the last word has been said," says Mr. Morley, quoting Mr. Gladstone. But the young have a right to complain that, though they may be ignorant, they cannot see how the "last word" can ever be said on questions which may be changed by circumstances, or why the fact that a man is full of knowledge which he is unable to apply to altered commercial conditions should prove that he is permanently in possession of the truth. E. W.

THE GENTLE ART
OF SHOPPING.

The Winter Sales have begun. During the last week or so almost every householder in London has been bombarded with premonitory circulars concerning them. Of these charts or maps of the approaching field of war the women of London have possessed themselves, have taken notes of the positions and the booty that they want to win, and are now setting forth in their full armour of umbrellas, elbows, and hats to win them.

The whole art of shopping, as exemplified in so concrete a manner at this time of year, consists in making up your mind and too quickly, so that you may get exactly what you want for the money you are prepared to give. A woman will enter a shop, will state her case tentatively to the man at the door and to the young lady at the counter. She will then insist upon seeing absolutely everything that the shop contains which could by any conceivable stretch of fancy be considered likely to suit her purpose. She will examine everything shown her minutely, and if the precise shade, texture, and price she is holding at the back of her mind be not forthcoming she will rise up, and always firmly and sometimes kindly will say "Good-morning," and be gone to other scenes of struggle.

A well-known firm informed the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, through one of its representatives, that "ladies made up their minds quicker than they used to do." That must be an infinite mercy to shop-assistants, and also to the men—whether footmen, pageboys, or husbands—who wait outside the shops. But it is, nevertheless, if it be true, a sign of decadence and decay in the art of shopping. It is a kind of abdication. It is as though a Stock Exchange jobber should allow himself to be influenced by the thought of those whose loss was his gain. The Stock Exchange of women is the shops. They will fail if they forget that the first rule of their business is to consider every possibility before coming to a decision, and to ride ruthlessly over the sensibilities and prejudices of the assistants and shop-walkers, of the footmen, pageboys, and husbands at the door. A. F.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Life has been given man only on condition that he serves the life of the universe.—*Thyloph*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

WOMEN are evidently determined to play a very notable part in the general election before us. The most prominent person at Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's great meeting at the Albert Hall, next to the principal speaker, was a woman—the "woman in the balcony"—who called loudly and irrelevantly for Female Suffrage during the entire evening, and ended by displaying—upside down, but that was of no consequence—a banner with the words, "Vote for women!" largely emblazoned upon it.

Since that memorable evening in the Albert Hall the voices of women have been raised at five or six other meetings in the country—always with the same very definite purpose. For them anything the candidate may have to say upon questions of trade, Colonial policy, or social reform is entirely beside the point. And every now and again they interrupt speakers in their digressions on these subjects by the plain question: "Are you going to vote for women?"

It is, moreover, almost impossible for a candidate to ignore these importunities. To do so would be to deprive himself of the most excellent canvassers

ing votes to women, that they once had a right, not only to vote, but to sit in Parliament. Anyhow, in the great Anglo-Saxon councils—in that, for instance, held at Beccles, in A.D. 694—the abbesses deliberated, and signed the decrees together with the king and his nobles. In the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I. four abbesses were also summoned to Parliament.

But time-hardened the heart of man, and women had to content with a surreptitious appearance in the national Chamber. In fact, things, from the feminine point of view, have grown steadily worse. At least women were once allowed to show themselves openly in the Strangers' Gallery, and even to make themselves rather obtrusive upon it. Thus, in 1675, the Speaker was shocked at seeing them peeping over the gentlemen's shoulders. "What borough do those ladies serve for?" he enquired. It was suggested that they might be gentlemen with sleeves "dressed like ladies," to which he replied, "I am sure I saw petticoats!" in an injured voice.

Now, the Ladies' Gallery in the House of Commons is the most uncomfortable place there. It is so uncomfortable, and so stuffy behind its barred

JOHN BULL WELL OUT OF IT.



The popularity of Switzerland has been increased this winter, as far as English people are concerned, by the confusion produced at home by the general election. John Bull, sick to death of it all, has fled to where the Chinese cease to trouble, and the fiscal problem is allowed to rest.

in the world. No man can canvass like a woman. She knows precisely what insinuating things to say, what pleasant balm of flattery and hope to apply to the subjugated voter. Able to please without discussing dangerous questions too carefully, the woman can gain her point while the man is beating about the bush.

Besides all this, women are bolder than men. I told some stories about bribery yesterday, and the lengths to which it used to go. In the past it has been proved that women regard it as a weapon which anyone would be a fool not to make use of. A story is told in a certain volume of reminiscences about Mrs. Wentworth Beaumont, the owner of a magnificent estate in Yorkshire, who made up her mind to get her candidature—such a dear man—into Parliament.

When she heard that the Prime Minister had determined to set up a rival for the seat, she quickly ordered her carriage—she was in London at the time—drove, with all the magnificence of four horses to Downing-street, and asked to see him. "Well, my lord," she said, "are you quite determined to make your man stand for my seat?" "Yes, Mrs. Beaumont, I am quite determined." "Very well," replied the intrepid canvasser. "I am on my way down to Yorkshire with £50,000 in the carriage for my man. Try and do better than that."

It is curious to remember, when one sees what success is made nowadays over the question of allow-

grating, that in 1809 an agitation was got up about it. Mr. H. Herbert moved that the grating should be removed. He said that the gallery was not such a place as ladies ought to occupy. It would be a chamber of horrors but for them. Whereupon everybody laughed. But Mr. Beresford Hope got up and deprecated any change in the gallery. He thought, if it were taken away, it would become "a flirting place," and ladies would have to come there all adorned instead of in their "morning dress and bonnets, as they could now." So the thing remained, and there the unfortunate ladies still half suffocate in their "morning dress and bonnets."

At the German Theatre has just been given a very odd entertainment. It began with a farcical curtain-raiser entitled "Blaw," and then, to our surprise, a mock royal and suite appeared in one of the boxes, who, after interrogating a sham Pressman, deigned to listen to Miss Nona Nansen singing. The audience listened as well to some striking effects she obtained in songs of the Yvette Guilbert style. A translation of Moinaux's "Les Deux Sœurs" followed, after which this mixed programme was wound up by the mock royalty, who were humorously impersonated by Georg Basell, insisting upon interviewing and paying mock compliments to the overjoyed performers. There are many instances of a portion of the action taking place in front of the curtain, most notably in Sheridan's "Critic." This week the company perform a play about German student life, entitled "Alma Mater."

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

WAS IT A SIGN?

A month after I had lost a little dog—the companion of my life—I sat watching the Michaelmas sun fall gently and lovingly upon the flowers that hid her grave, when a large peacock butterfly rose suddenly out of their midst, and, sailing in through the open window, rested on the table where she had always nestled at my side. Was it a sign, I wonder, that in the glades and glens of Paradise she is thinking of me still? But, indeed, I need no sign to tell me that, but for fault or failure of my own, we two shall meet again some day—somewhere. A. PIETOR.

Weymouth.

BISHOP AND CLERK.

With a fairly long experience as a booking-clerk, I can vouch for the fact that occasionally a mistake is made on both sides. I myself have given too much change and also too little. I have also known cases where passengers have discovered afterwards that a statement imputing dishonesty has been entirely wrong, and they have been candid enough to acknowledge it; but I must admit that such instances are rare.

Disputes about money are more painful to a sensitive clerk than is generally supposed, for numerous passengers may hear the complaint, none the apology when it happens to be offered.

The clerk is necessarily compelled to look at each coin that is tendered; therefore I contend that he is in a better position to speak with certainty than the passenger who "thinks" he gave a coin of some other value.

SIXTEEN YEARS A BOOKING-CLERK.
 Kensal Rise, W.

THE UNEMPLOYED AGAIN.

Knowing your deep sympathy for the unemployed, and having a profound admiration for your earnest efforts on their behalf, may I, through the medium of your paper, venture to air my own ideas as to a solution of the problem?

Supposing the Government levied a penny weekly toll, through the employers, on every employed person in England, the funds so raised to be devoted to two purposes, viz.: For emigration and the furtherance of the labour colony scheme. The first for the single, the second for the married or the unemployed.

In regard to the first, the assistance of the clergy, or other local gentlemen, would be required in the selection of desirables. For the second, proportionate sums of money could be handed over to the county councils, to be dealt with by a selected committee.

I have no desire to introduce statistics now. Let readers make a rough estimate of what would be raised in their native town. It will be found quite an interesting occupation, and will surprise many. Syston, near Leicester. ARTHUR S. BUTLER.

THE WORLD'S HUMOUR.

Witty Paragraphs from the Comic Papers of Europe and America.

"Papa, please, please buy me a pony."
 "Johnnie, you're too old to be teasing for ponies."
 "Then, papa, please buy me a horse."—"Life."

He (at a dance): May I offer you a little refreshment?
 She: Thank you so much. Leave me alone for half an hour.—"Meggendorfer Blätter."

Father: Why don't you work, my son? If you only knew how much happiness work gives, you would begin at once.

Son: Father, I am striving to lead a life of self-denial, in which happiness plays no part. Do not tempt me.—"St. Louis Globe-Democrat."

"Now, boys," said a Sunday school teacher, addressing a juvenile class, "can either of you tell me anything about Good Friday?"
 "Yes, my'am, I can," replied the boy at the foot of the class; "he was the fellow that done the housework for Robinson Crusoe."—"Exchange."

Mrs. Kelly: Do yez often dhrame av yuze dear, dead husband, Mrs. Googhan?

Widow Googhan: Yis, Mrs. Kelly. Only lasht night Oi dhramed that th' dear blissed man had me down behind th' shroove an' 'vor belind' me in th' close-pole, when Oi waked op an' found it wor nothin' but th' foldin'-bed closed up on me.—"Judge."

IN MY GARDEN.

JANUARY 2.—The frozen morning garden is now the haunt of many disconsolate birds. Whereas a few days ago the lawn supplied them with worms in plenty, to-day the hard turf is bare of food, and even the long-billed starlings must go breakfastless.

Now that wintry weather is here, how grateful the birds must be for the crumbs and lumps of fat we fling out to them! Blackbird, thrush, robin, blue-it, haste to the feast. That these bitter days depress them is evident by their silence.

For the garden holds no music now; the groaning, east wind and the notes of hedge-sparrow and chiffchaff only can be heard. E. F. L.

NEWS VIEWS

HOW CONSTITUENCIES ARE FOUGHT.



Prospective member of Parliament selecting the posters which he hopes will assist him in winning the votes of the electors in his constituency. Great judgment is required in obtaining striking pictures which will appeal to individual tastes, as rural, urban, and city electorates each have their peculiarities, and cartoons which may please the one fall flat in another.

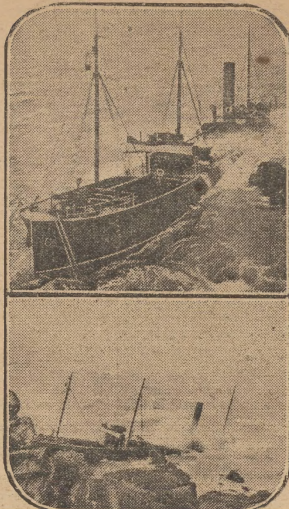


Workers in the stockroom of the Conservative headquarters executing a candidate's order, and folding up posters for dispatch to his constituency.



In this room of the Conservative headquarters there are 2,000,000 posters and handbills, which will all be distributed throughout the country during the next two weeks.

MANXLAND WRECK.



Two photographs of the Glasgow steamer Argo, which drove ashore at the Isle of Man during the recent gale. The crew were fortunately saved.

HAVOC OF THE GALE.



The seawall at Ryde, a favourite promenade in summer-time, has been washed away during the recent gales.

LONDON'S SEA-GULLS.



Every winter vast flocks of sea-gulls visit St. James's Park, and are as tame as the hand-reared water-fowl, which live on the nursemaids' and children's bounty.

The All Blacks



French player after the fray.



Comical snapshot, showing the strenuous anxiety of the French and New Zealand teams, as the latter has his eye on the ball, which is in the air.



Reading from left to right, Stead, Tyler, Glasgow, and Mackrell, of the New Zealand team, are seen on the boat crossing the Channel on their way to Paris.



Before the French and New Zealand match the teams were posed in this photograph. Some idea of the remarkably fine physique of the French players can be gathered from this characteristic group. The All Blacks are already familiar to English readers by their frequent appearance in the *Daily Mirror*.

CK'S PARIS



Drop-kick at goal by a Frenchman.



Zealand players at a line-out during the Paris Rugby match. Each man is outside the scope of the camera.



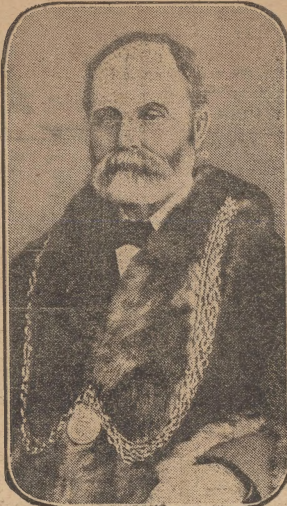
On New Year's Day in Paris beggars are allowed to solicit alms unmolested by the police. The New Zealand team and the Pressmen and friends who accompanied them formed a ready prey for the indigent.



men for a team pages

It was a source of great interest to the French public to see the New Zealand team take their refreshment on the field at half-time. The Frenchmen left the ground for about ten minutes, and sipped hot consomme in the pavilion.

FATHER OF YARMOUTH.



Alderman Robert Nudd has died during his year of office as Mayor of Yarmouth. He has assisted in the rise of this popular watering-place from a fishing town.

ESCAPED FIRE AND BOMB.



Mlle. Marie Laporte, now at the Alhambra, had a bomb thrown at her on the stage at Warsaw, and escaped from a burning hotel by jumping from a window.

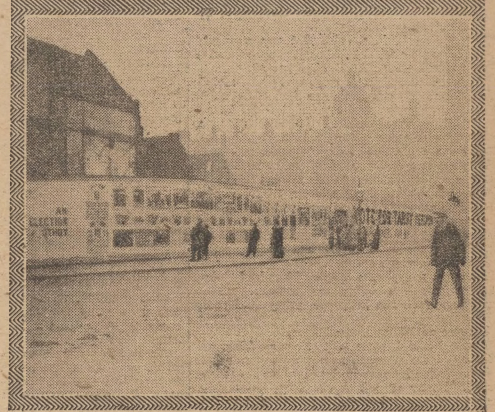
BULLY AT HOCKEY.



Taken during the match between Beckenham and the Club Athletique International of France at Beckenham, and won by the home team by 2 goals to 1.

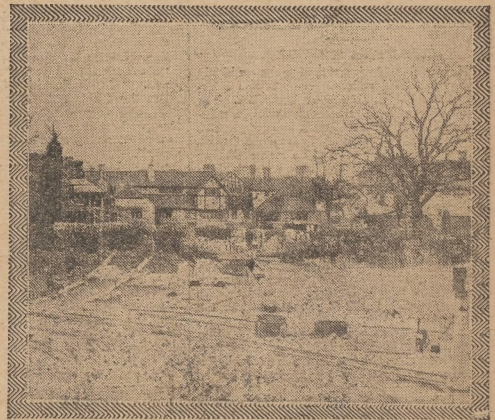
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AN ELECTION STUDY AT BIRMINGHAM.



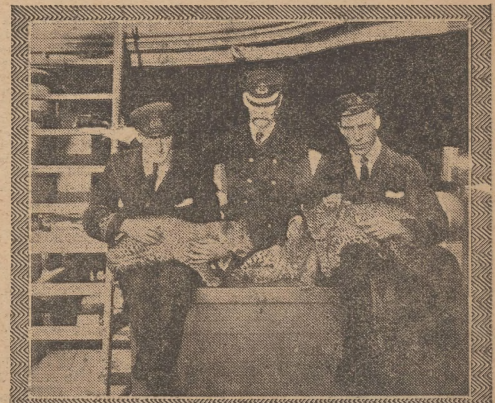
At a cost of some hundreds of pounds, this immense hoarding, one hundred yards long, has been secured by the Birmingham tariff reformers for Mr. Chamberlain's posters.

MILLIONAIRE'S TUDOR VILLAGE.



Mr. Astor is surrounding his new purchase, Hever Castle, in Kent, with a Tudor village. Although apparently a number of separate erections, they all form one gigantic house.

HANDYMEN'S CURIOUS SHIPMATES.



Three leopards are the pets of the crew of H.M.S. Iphigenia, just arrived at Portsmouth from China. They were captured in Ceylon, and are six months old. They are now being exhibited at the Drill Hall, Portsmouth.

'THE WOMAN TEMPTED ME.'

By ANNIE AUMONIER.

CHAPTER XLVII. (continued).

But Balshaw's agonised indecision was not of long duration. When he withdrew his hands from his eyes, Pym beheld a face set with an expression of stern resolution.

Balshaw had arrived at the most momentous decision of his life.

"John," he said in a voice that was strangely quiet, "there is no middle course. As soon as I have set my house in order I shall tell her all."

"But," continued Balshaw, and his mouth hardened into the thin, straight line, "the world shall not laugh at her, if I can help it. So I shall play at being Richard Balshaw just a little longer. I've been looking through my accounts, John, and I shall be in a position to pay back the money to the Metropolitan and Provincial Bank, with 5 per cent. interest for the use of their money."

His mouth relaxed slightly into the shadow of a smile. For more than three years the money had been lying idle, at compound interest, and Richard Balshaw had invested to good purpose the money embezzled by Roland Carstairs and skilfully transferred to the former's account.

"There's a matter of a couple of hundred, John, that belonged legitimately to Carstairs. That should be sufficient to keep you going till I come out!"

"Come out?" stammered Pym.

"Yes, old friend, come out! Soon as things are settled up, I am going to square my account with the law. Roland Carstairs has broken his ticket-of-leave. I may as well do the thing thoroughly. Seven years ago I became the slave of an idea. Since then I and freedom have been strangers. I'm ready now to pay the price for perfect freedom."

He went up to the bed and took Pym's hand affectionately.

"You shall write poetry," he said, with a faint smile, "and I'll work after I come out. But you look as if you could do more than sleep. I'm going downstairs—to write a long letter to Vance. And"—his voice dropped, and became monotonous—"I must also send a cablegram to Marseilles."

CHAPTER XLVIII.

The Mainwaring had returned quite suddenly to their home in Chelsea in consequence of a cablegram from the British Consul at Marseilles. The house was very still. The servants spoke in whispers and walked on tip-toe. Death was not present, but the shadow of death, reaching from the city on the gulf, was over the place. The reason of Guy Mainwaring's long silence was known now both to mother and sister. The identity of the Englishman who had taken his own life in a disreputable house in the Rue des Biches-du-Rhône had been established by the authorities, in consequence of certain light shed on the tragedy by information cabled from England.

Clare was with her mother when a servant tip-toed into the room. Lady Mainwaring was sitting upright, staring stonily in front of her, while Clare knelt silently beside her, the younger woman the more bowed and shaken.

"Mr. Balshaw," whispered the servant.

She had not seen Richard Balshaw since they had ridden together in the cab driven by John Pym, but a note from him awaited on her return home.

With a low cry, Clare reached out her hands to him. She felt comforted and strengthened by his coming.

His hands burned as with fever.

"I have no right to be here," he said, speaking at last in a low voice, "but I have proof of something that must be of some consolation to you."

"Guy's innocence?" she whispered.

"We have both believed in it," he said. "It was proved to-day when the convict, Mellish, gave evidence at the police court. I don't want to pain you; your brother's name is in the evening papers, but he is only alluded to as having given the cheque for a hundred pounds to that—that woman. Mellish gave evidence as to the cleaning of the cheque by Quetton, of its alteration by himself, how it was presented at the bank, and the money subsequently divided. He proved your brother innocent—and Ivor Armytage a liar. His hold over you is gone. He has not even the power to injure the memory of the dead."

Pym's prophecy had proved correct. Vance had got Quentin surely enough; found him at the hospital, to which he had been borne by those who discovered him, lying more dead than alive in the room where he and "Mr. Johns" had fought so desperately in the dark. And Vance, acting on information received in the shape of an anonymous letter, had paid a visit to a certain convict establishment where one George Mellish was serving his sentence, and had obtained much valuable evidence that threw light on the exact method of the quondam Xangit and Mlle. Viola. It was in order to throw light on their methods that Mellish had been examined on the subject of various cheques that he had altered, one of them being a cheque made payable to Guy Mainwaring or bearer.

Clare's throbbing heart was too full for words. How or in what way it had all been accomplished, she did not know; but she knew that the stain had been cleared from her dead brother's name and herself set free by the man she loved.

She felt now, in this her dark hour of sorrow, a greater need than ever of his love and strength.

She was thankful that he had come to her. She was free. The shackles were broken and had fallen from her.

She wished that he would take her in his arms, and the wish inspired her with no feeling of shame. Now that there was no further need for subterfuge or self-sacrifice, it would be such comfort and such an atoning for past and present grief to rest close to his heart—his strong, chivalrous heart.

But he did not stir, and it seemed to her that the hands still clasping her own were beginning to burn almost unbearably as they tightened on hers.

He spoke at last, his voice sounded dull and lifeless now. Before there had been something of the old hammer in it.

A strange-sense of chilling fear crept over Clare.

"God, give me strength," he said, "to tell you what—I must tell you—"

But a servant knocked and entered.

"Mr. Armytage!"

Balshaw released Clare's hands. A change came over him. His eyes gleamed brutally; the mouth became an ungiving line.

Armytage looked very pale and waxlike as he entered, and gave a slight start at sight of Balshaw, but this was the only sign that he realised the latter's presence. He went straight up to Clare. She drew away from him with a shudder, and straightened up to her full height. She was no longer his slave.

He had come there to make his last desperate effort, and tell a last desperate lie in a last endeavour to retain his hold over her; but the presence of the man, whom he had made believe to ignore, and the look in the woman's eyes, unstudied him, and robbed his cold tongue of its usual fluency.

"Clare," he said at last, suddenly seeming to recognise Balshaw's presence. "I want to speak to you alone. I've done my best to keep your brother's name out of this miserable business—"

He paused and looked at Balshaw.

"Do you mind going," he added, with studied insolence.

"Is it your wish?" asked Balshaw, a vibration in his voice, as he glanced at Clare.

"No. I want you to stay, dear friend!"

Armytage bit his bloodless lips.

"Dear friend?" he sneered, with a choky, little laugh. "Oh, is that it?"

But the laugh and the sneer were impotent to sting, and he fumbled irresolutely for his cigarette-case, and, having found it, opened and shut it, as if not knowing what to do with his hands or with himself.

"Dear friend?" he repeated his words, at a loss for something better to say. "Oh, is that it? Nothing more than friendship, of course not. Let's hope not, for your sake, Clare. I say, Balshaw, what about Postern Abbey? What about that handkerchief—do you remember, or have you forgotten?"

He was still opening and shutting his cigarette-case, his delicate hands twitching with impotent fury.

There was a sudden movement, and Balshaw had him by the throat and was shaking him as a dog shakes a rat.

And as he shook him, making his teeth rattle, he spoke.

"If you have anything to say—in mitigation of your contemptible, utterly vile conduct—say it—if you can disprove the lie you uttered—do so now! You've played your game—and lost! Go home and burn that cheque that proves you as cowardly a liar as ever disgraced the surface of God's earth. Go!"

And with the words Balshaw threw Ivor Armytage from him. Armytage reeled backwards across the room, his lips white save for the fleck of blood that his teeth had drawn from them. He had goaded Balshaw from out his self-control.

As he still reeled, physically dazed and shaken into a state that bordered on physical nausea, Balshaw strode to the bell and pressed it.

"Show Mr. Armytage out of the house," he said to the servant who had answered his summons promptly.

Balshaw turned to Clare. Her face was very white, and she trembled from head to foot. She had been compelled to watch.

"For de me," he whispered hoarsely. "I thought I knew myself better than to do a thing of that kind before you, but it was just a little more than I could stand."

"If I had been a man," she whispered, "I must have done the same."

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BOOM IN COPPER SHARES.

CAPEL COURT, Tuesday Evening.—Starting off gaily enough there was quite a good tendency in all the Stock Markets during the morning. The expectation of activity in the new year had caused some speculation towards the end of last month. Prices were put up this morning in anticipation of the buyers, who came forward in twos and threes instead of in battalions. So the speculators began to think, and the first thing they thought about was the desirability of snatching profits. So last prices were below the best.

In the gilt-edged market they are talking of new loans coming, though no particular loans were mentioned. Moreover, the Consol market certainly had a good influence in the fact that the carry-over rate was liked, for, whereas it opened at 4½ per cent., it speedily went off to 4 per cent. But Consols, instead of rising further, lost their earlier improvement, and closed rather dull at 89½ for cash. This did not help markets.

HOME RAILS FINISH TAMELY.

Certainly it did not help Home Rails. This section started specially well, and finished rather unsatisfactorily. The market was good at one time, but eased off substantially from the best. The earlier buying was based on the dividend expectations, and the reaction later on the traffic this week not so far being very encouraging. But we have to recall that in 1904 Christmas Day was on a Sunday, and last Christmas it replaced a working day in the calendar. Moreover, this year the extra "sweepings" of receipts will not come in until a week later. So some falling-off in takings was only to be expected. In the circumstances the Great Eastern traffic increase was specially encouraging.

There was a good attempt to hoist American Rails on the idea that with the new year money would be cheaper in New York and the troubles of the past would not be repeated. Still, there was not much buying with it, and on the whole prices did not hold their best level, New York being a seller later. But there was quite an awakening of interest in Canadian Rails, more especially in Grand Trunks, which were hoisted considerably all round.

IMPROVEMENT IN ARGENTINES.

The expectations in connection with the coming Argentine harvest encouraged buyers of Argentine Rails, and caused prices to improve rather considerably. Much the same happened in the case of Brazilian Rails, notably Leopoldinas. But the best prices did not hold, for speculators were equally inclined to profit-snatching here as elsewhere.

United Rails of Havana were quoted 192 ex-rights. These rights represent a little bonus of about £20, which is quite good enough for most people in addition to their dividend.

The "boom" in copper shares continues, and speculators among the general public should be very careful not to burn their fingers. Of course, the high price of the metal is good enough for copper companies. Still, it will mean more producers, and in any case we must consider the average position. To-day the fortnightly statistics of the metal showed more copper in stock, but less "in sight."

The rise in copper shares has been enormous. Only two or three months ago Anacondas were at about 6. To-day they went well over 15, and, of course, there was talk about fresh discoveries on the property.

We pointed out long ago that there was good ground for improvement in copper shares, and in the metal itself, but this kind of thing is too wild.

MORE CONFIDENCE IN RUSSIANS.

Owing to the more confident feeling about the political and financial situation, Russian bonds rallied sharply nearly 44, and, in spite of being ex-dividend, improved to 84½. It seemed to give a good impetus to all foreign securities.

But there is a bad point to note, and that was the forced selling of Peruvian Corporations from Amsterdam. It was said that certain employees of a financial firm had been gambling in Peruvians and using the firm's money to pay their differences. This had been discovered, and their large account was being forcibly closed.

More confidence seems to be felt that the nitrate combination will be arranged for a fresh term of years. So nitrate shares are fairly firm. Textile shares, too, were bought, and the gamblers nibbled at Pekin Syndicates again.

In the Kaffir market the tendency was good at the outset, and continued good until the close. There were some notable rises. Thus Modders were 7-16 better. The Rhodesian group was strong, with bidding for Tanganyikas and anything interested in copper. Even the Banket "boom" was renewed.

TEA-PARTIES FOR 10,000 CHILDREN.

More than 10,000 children, connected with Blackburn Sunday-schools, have been entertained in the new year tea-parties, which concluded last night. These parties form a feature of the new year celebrations in the town.

PLAYERS PROMINENT IN PANTOMIME.



Pretty Miss Billie Earlow appears in "The Babes in the Wood" at the Theatre Royal, Sheffield.



Miss Ada Reeve is a bright and winsome Aladdin at the Theatre Royal, Birmingham.

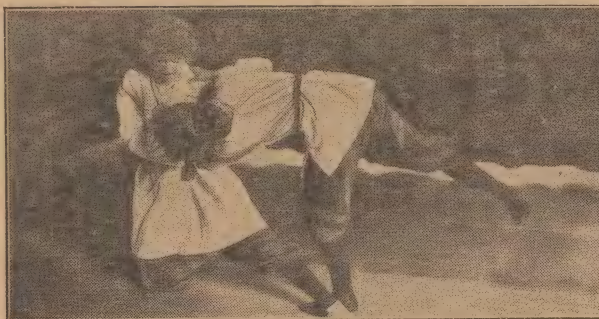


Miss Margaret Wilson delightfully plays principal boy in "The Babes" at the Camden Theatre.



Miss Lil Hawthorne is the handsome Sleeping Beauty at Prince's Theatre, Manchester.

LADIES CRAZE FOR JU-JITSU IN LONDON.



In Oxford-street a school has been opened where ladies can practise jiu-jitsu. After a few lessons they develop quite unexpected powers of attack and defence. Besides being a possibly useful accomplishment, Japanese wrestling is an excellent athletic exercise.

FOOTBALLER WINS A MASCOT BRIDE.



Miss Elizabeth Sherley, a famous beauty of Kentucky, has witnessed every match played by the victorious Yale football team this season. She is now announced to marry Tom Shevlin, the captain of the eleven she has cheered to an unbeaten record.



MARK TWAIN'S WIT.

Fragments of the Life Wisdom from
the Great Humorist.

HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY.

Mark Twain, at the banquet given to him at New York on reaching the age of seventy, told how his rule of life was never to smoke more than one cigar at a time, never to take exercise, and never to accept any uncomfortable mode of life.

The speech, which was only cabled in a very brief form, turns out, from a perusal of "Harper's Weekly," to have been in the great humorist's most pleasant vein. Following are a few extracts:

"I have had a great many birthdays in my time. I remember the first one very well, and I always think of it with indignation; everything was crude, anaesthetic, primeval.

"Why, even the cradle wasn't whitewashed. I hadn't any hair. I hadn't any teeth. I hadn't any clothes. I had to go to my first banquet just like that. Well, everybody came swarming in. It was the merest little bit of a village—hardly that, just a little hamlet, in the backwoods of Missouri, where nothing ever happened, and the people were all interested, and they all came; they looked me over to see if there was anything fresh in my line.

NOTHING EVER HAPPENED.

"Well, nothing ever happened in that village—I, why, I was the only thing that had really happened there for months and months and months; and although I say it myself that shouldn't, I came the nearest to being a real event that had happened in that village in more than two years.

"Well, those people came, they came with that curiosity which is so provincial, and that frankness which also is so provincial, and they examined me all around and gave their opinion. Nobody asked them, and I shouldn't have minded if anybody had paid me a compliment, but nobody did. Their opinions were all just green with prejudice, and I feel those opinions to this day.

"Well, I stood that as long as—well, you know, I was born courteous, and I stood it to the limit. I stood it an hour and then the worm turned. I was the worm; it was my turn to turn, and I turned. I knew very well the strength of my position; I knew that I was the only spotlessly pure and innocent person in that whole town, and I came out and said so. And they could not say a word. It was so true. The audience, they were embarrassed. Well, that was the first dinner speech I ever made."

MINCE PIE AFTER MIDNIGHT.

Describing his diet, Mark Twain said: "I have been persistently strict in sticking to the things which didn't agree with me until one or the other of us got the best of it. Until lately I got the best of it myself. But last spring I stopped frolicking with mince pie after midnight; up to then I had always believed it wasn't loaded.

"As to smoking, it has always been my rule never to smoke when asleep, and never to refrain when awake. I will grant, here, that I have stopped smoking now and then, for a few months at a time, but it was not on principle, it was only to show off; it was to pulverize those critics who said I was a slave to my habits and couldn't break my habits.

"To-day it is all of sixty years since I began to smoke the limit. I have never bought cigars with life-belts around them. I early found that those were too expensive for me. I have always bought cheap cigars—reasonably cheap, at any rate. Sixty years ago they cost me four dollars a barrel, but my taste has improved, latterly, and I pay seven now. Six or seven. Seven, I think. Yes, it's seven. But that includes the barrel. I often have smoking-parties at my house; but the people that come have always just taken the pledge. I wonder why that is?"

DRUG-STORE FOR A DEBT.

"Up to seven I lived exclusively on Republic medicine. Not that I needed them, for I don't think I did; it was for economy; my father took a drug-store for a debt, and it made cod-liver oil cheaper than the other breakfast foods. We had nine barrels of it, and it lasted me seven years.

"I have never taken any exercise, except sleeping and resting, and I never intend to take any. Exercise is loathsome. And it cannot be any benefit when you are tired; I was always tired."

"I have lived a severely moral life. Morals are an acquirement—like music, like a foreign language, like piety, poker, paralysis—no man is born with them. I wasn't myself, I started poor. I hadn't a single moral. There is hardly a man in this house that is poorer than I was then. Yes, I started like that—the world before me, not a moral in the slot. I can remember the first one I ever got. It was an old moral, an old second-hand moral, all out of repair, and didn't fit anyway. But if you are careful with a thing like that, and keep it in a dry place, you will be surprised to see how well she will last."

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Many children have to be consulted about their clothes, and it is really diplomatic to fall in with their desire when a fancy-dress party is in prospect. Let the small man or woman have something that he or she likes, or the dreadful result may be a fit of shyness and an evening spent in trying to avoid observation in some unfrequented corner of the ballroom.

There are plenty of simple costumes from which to make a choice. Little Red Riding Hood is

ventional neck ruche, blouse and pantaloons, with ruffles on both, and white slippers, each with a red rosette.

Clowns of all types are readily and effectively fitted with raiment, and policemen, soldiers, sailors, and firemen are all parts. It is not difficult to dress. The Chinese mandarin and Japanese robes require more care, but are not difficult to achieve. Spanish or Italian brigands are not hard to carry out, and as well there are the baker, the scarecrow in rags and tatters, and the jester with his cap and bells to recollect.

Milkmaid and shepherdess costumes are among the daintiest and simplest of the little girls' costumes. The milkmaid needs but a short skirt and girdled bodice, a stool and pail, and a floppy hat or not as is proper. The shepherdess should be of the Watteau type, in a daintily-flowered cotton



A pretty coif for a girl dressed in medieval costume for a fancy-dress ball, made of gold tissue, bordered with jewels.

easily dressed and piquant, and the conventional fairy costume is very easy to achieve in this season of gold and silver tinsel materials. Boys always look well in Pierrot's garb—a white cone-shaped hat with three big rosettes at the side, the con-

or silk dress, with a blue-ribboned Leghorn hat and a long, white shepherdess's crook, ornamented with a bunch of flowers tied on with blue ribbon.

A witch's costume can be made out of black cotton, and the various flower costumes are not difficult for anyone with an eye for line and colour.

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GALLAHER'S FAIRNESS.

SPECIAL BY TOUCH JUDGE.

There is very little to add to what has already been written and said about the New Zealanders, though their wonderful tour, the leading men individually, and the team with its methods collectively, will be the subject of conversation in Rugby circles.

Without any flourish of trumpets beforehand, the combination from "down under" landed on our shores quietly, and in a most businesslike way proceeded to demonstrate that New Zealand Rugby had reached a point of development quite unsuspected in this country.

It will always be a matter of general regret, and more particularly to the Colonials themselves, that they did not meet the Welshmen at an earlier stage of the tour. They left the hardest part of their programme to the last, and suffered in consequence. As a direct result they lost the one match they would have given much to win, and the defeat by Wales is to them in the nature of the fly in the ointment.

Welshmen have every reason to be proud of the achievements of their teams, and one will never leave the last about them. But, to judge of the tour, the Principality believes for a moment that the form shown by the New Zealanders in Wales was at all correct. Had that been the case, the Welshmen at the end of October, when the Colonials were on the top of their form, the results would have been vastly different.

I suppose we saw the New Zealanders at their best in the Blackheath match, and that, I know, is the view held by Wallace. They certainly showed some remarkable football on that occasion; indeed, it would be difficult to imagine any side playing better. But, at that time, Cardiff, Newport, and Swansea would not have been in the field, and, in my judgment, even the Welsh international side would have gone down.

During a very long experience of Rugby internationals I have never seen finer football than the Colonials provided us with at Blackheath, and very rarely, indeed, anything quite so good. I prefer to remember them as they played on that day and at Inverleith, when they showed themselves such a tremendously game side, and not by their display when, from various reasons, they were unable to do themselves justice.

It is, of course, always difficult to make satisfactory comparisons, but I should say that on their best day the New Zealanders were quite as strong as the 1901 Scotland team, and that they were the best-balanced and most powerful sides that have appeared so far in football fields. That they were better than the average international team would hardly be remarked.

As "Templar" justly observed on Monday, the giants on the side were Wallace, Smith, and Roberts—each clever, brainy players. They had clearly mastered the fine points of the game in theory, and possessed the skill to give a practical exposition of their ideas. Whatever may be said of the Colonials, they at least must be placed in the same gallery with the players whose names will always be associated with all that is best and greatest in Rugby football.

I could not help being amused at the frenzy into which the Welsh crowds and the Welsh critics worked themselves over the tour. It was a pity that Wallace, Gallaheer, I do not approve of some of his methods, particularly that trick of cutting in and shielding Roberts, because that is obstruction play and simple, but he was rather badly treated in Wales.

With regard to the allegation that Gallaheer put the ball into the scrum unaided, I simply say: Fudge. With the workers in both packs so keen in getting the ball first, it's a job to get the ball out of the scrum, let alone in it at all. In despair, after a business sometimes to get it out, Mr. Percival Cook, acting as referee, tried himself to do it at Blackheath, and failed quite as badly as Gallaheer. As far as I observed Gallaheer was quite fair in this matter, and until he went to Wales the point was never mooted.

Suggestions of unfairness come with ill grace from Welsh quarters. There are few tricks of the trade that some call sharp practice and others by a more unpleasant term Welsh players are not acquainted with. Many of the dubious arts which, unhappily, have crept into Rugby have, I fancy, emanated from Welsh sources. I remember long ago a well-known Welsh enthusiast and writer on the game remarking to me something after this style: "If we can't grow big men in Wales we must make them—cunning." And they have. In an opposite sense we saw another phase of Welsh football in the Maudslayi-Series incident at the Queen's Club a little while back.

Except in the one particular which I have mentioned, Gallaheer's methods were no more open to question than those of the average half—he certainly never put his arm into the scrum as far as his elbow, as I have seen many of the Welsh halves and some of our own do—and, so far as the Colonials as a team are concerned, most people will be content to stand on the Irish fence, who, after being in the game, disapproved of the intricacies of back play in cold print. Set forth on a blackboard, ideas intended to be circulated could be much more readily grasped.

A humorous apothecary about the New Zealanders has just reached me. Asked his opinion after an encounter with the Colonials, a player observed: "They are race-horses, with the legs of car-horses."

Appropos of the lecture and blackboard business to which I referred at some length last week, I notice that McGregor, the New Zealander, expounded the mysteries of the Colonial Plan to a gathering of some of our boys the other day. The reports, which have by request been withheld for the time being, should make interesting reading, but it is not to be described. The intricacies of back play in cold print. Set forth on a blackboard, ideas intended to be circulated could be much more readily grasped.

The giving of lectures by experienced players is to be encouraged, if not to the present generation at least to

our schoolboys, to whom we must look for our future players. The expenses attaching thereto would not be heavy, and, even if they were, it would be money well spent if the result was an improvement in the class of our men. English Rugby has to make a fresh start, and this time it must be in the nursery. Will not the Rugby Union spend some of its riches, which are lying idle, in encouraging Rugby in the schools and teaching the young idea how to shoot? Why this miserly care of wealth?

It was once stated to me by a prominent official that the Rugby committees were saving up to buy a national ground, like the Scotsmen have done. If so, why not take the public into their confidence and say so. Surely there would be no difficulty in raising money for that purpose, and still leave some for the nursery. The Rugby Union does not exist for the purpose of making money. It is their duty to foster and support the game in every direction. Is there no man in the committee common enough to loosen Mr. Call's tenacious grip on the money-bags? Or are they all afraid to tackle him?

TOUCH JUDGE.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Aston Villa's League Loss—Corinthians' Successful Tour.

Events are conspiring to strengthen Liverpool's position at the head of the League. Yesterday Aston Villa, the club immediately below Liverpool, were beaten decisively by Bolton Wanderers by 4 goals to 1. Bolton have run into tremendous form, and in two matches have scored 10 goals to 2. For several months this season the Wanderers had something of an ill career; but things are distinctly mending.

For such an attractive club as Bolton Wanderers v. Aston Villa there was a crowd of 30,000 people at Burnley Park, Bolton. The going was heavy; but, with the wind to help them, the Wanderers developed a quick, good game, though their play was not so good. Within twenty-seven minutes of the start, Stokes scored for Bolton, and early in the second half there was a second goal. The Villa did not have time to get into Aston Villa, after which the Wanderers finished magnificently, Marsh and Shepherd scoring. Bolton Wanderers were by far the better team, and they won in the first half, and tried the one-back game, with no success.

Yesterday's result at Bolton approximately reduces Aston Villa to third place, for the side, though possessing the best goal, Foster opened the scoring with an excess of Sheffield Wednesday. The figures of the first three clubs are worth setting out, and are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
Liverpool	32	14	2	6	51	32
Sheffield Wednesday	32	12	7	3	47	27
Aston Villa	32	12	8	2	43	27

There was some heavy scoring at Newcastle in the final match of the Corinthians' tour. The Corinthians beat the League champions by 7 goals to 6. Newcastle had several reserves playing, and also gave a trial in goal to Wharrier. The Corinthians' forwards were at the top of the game. Foster opened the scoring with a goal, and he and Harris added other goals. Before the interval Higgins and Orr got through for the League champions, and the amateurs led by 3 goals to 2 at change of ends.

In the second half the Corinthians again played extremely good football. E. P. Wright put on three more goals and Foster one. O. T. Norris accidentally put the ball through his own goal, and Harding and Nicholson scored. Foster opened the Corinthians' half with a substantial win of 7 to 6 the Corinthians finished their tour. It has been eminently successful, for, after beginning with a goal by Foster on Day at Plumstead, the Corinthians won five matches of the tour, scoring 21 goals against 13.

Playing on their own ground Durham City defeated Harrogate Old Boys by 2 tries to nothing. Both tries were obtained in the opening half, Phillips, and Crammer getting over.

SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH.

WEST LONDON, 2; REST OF LONDON, 2.

The holders of the Corinthian Shield, West London, met the Rest of London on the splendid Chelsea enclosure at Stamford Bridge, before about 4,000 spectators. Though the morning had been inclement, the turf had in no way suffered, and a fast game was witnessed. The boys played the high-class football that one now expects from them, and the crowd was duly appreciative. Naturally, the game being played in West London, they were satisfied when the home team were pressing in the initial stages of the game, and several speedy spirits by Sangster were particularly palatable. But when, at the end of about twenty minutes, Chitty, after a tussle with the back, managed to beat Lothly in goal, there was a silence that could have been felt.

However, the spirit of the assembled participants revived when, just before the interval, a magnificent shot from Lewis went sailing into the net past Jessop, and the teams were upon an equality. This was the state of affairs at the interval. Afterward, the play was as level and as interesting as one could wish in the initial movements of the second half. West London were certainly the better team, and it was but a fitting reward to several well-conceived efforts when Lewis, after a blunder by Parsons, steered the ball into the net.

Instead of succumbing to the shock, the Rest played up with renewed vigour, and for the remainder of the game they carried off the whip hand. But, as was lucky in striking the West London goalkeeper on the knee with an unstoppable shot, but directly afterwards Lewis doubled the ground several points, and the net. There was no further scoring, so the result was—West London, 2; Rest of London, 2.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

ASSOCIATION.				
THE LEAGUE—Division I.				
Bolton Wanderers (h)	4	Aston Villa	1	
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.				
Heart of Midlothian	3	Third Lanark (h)	0	
Rotherham	1	Leeds United	0	
Colt (h)	2	Kilmarnock	0	
Glasgow Rangers (h)	1	White Thistle	0	
OTHER MATCHES.				
Corinthians	7	Newcastle (h)	5	
NORTHERN UNION.				
Oldham (h)	2	Runcorn	0	
Wigan (h)	10	Hunslet	0	

CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Warner Wins the Toss in the First Test Match.

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday.—The M.C.C. team began the first Test match of their tour here to-day. Winning the toss, the visitors batted first, and were all out for 184.

M.C.C.—First Innings.	
Warner, c Snook	6
Schwartz	6
Fane, c Schwartz	1
Faulkner	1
Dixon	1
Schwartz	0
Wright, c Schwartz	29
B. Schwartz	29
Crawford, c Norris	44
Total	184

Following the good example set by Jackson last year, Warner won the toss yesterday in the first Test match in South Africa, and, of course, elected to bat first.

At the finish, the English total panned out at 184. Board was again not out, and he will, obviously, have to be moved up in the batting order. Taking into consideration Board's batting—Middlesex and Jessop will give him a medal for that hundred at Lord's last year—and his big heart, P. F. might do worse than put him in No. 1. He is "a disconcerting to the batsmen."

The South African bowling was good throughout, and the fielding, as usual, very fine. Unless rain interferes, I expect the South Africans to very nearly double our score, especially if Sinclair gets going, in which case long-stop is a much better position than mid-off.

Beyond Sinclair, who is going to be a brilliant batsman, the Australians when they went over there in 1902, there are sound bats in Tancred, Hathorn, Shalders, and others.

Our fellows will have to play grand cricket to win this match, if cricket form is to be trusted; the which it certainly cannot.

B. WILSON.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAIMENT.

George Coburn (Enkine), the Scottish international player, T. Watt (Ranfurley Castle), W. R. Stuart (Paisley), and R. Wright (Raisdon) took part in a professional golf tournament on the old Ranfurley Castle course at Bridge of Weir, yesterday.

In the eighteen-hole stroke competition Coburn was first with 88, Watt second with 84, Stuart third with 92, and Wright last with 91.

Some exciting play was seen in the subsequent match, in which Coburn and Watt, the lowest scorers, met. Watt was 1 up at the turn, but Coburn squared on the eighteenth green, and won the tournament at the nineteenth hole.

SPORTING NEWS ITEMS.

The Sporting Club Universitaire de France hockey team were defeated by Blackheath yesterday by 7 goals to 1.

Grimby Town have consented to play their English Cup-tie with Newcastle United at St. James's Park, Newcastle.

At Richmond yesterday Middlesex, playing one man short, beat the Lancashire County hockey team by 2 goals to nil.

The directors of the Reading Football Club have put the team into special training for the match against Hull City in the English Cup, and the match arrived yesterday at Compton, a charming village on the Berkshire Downs.

Last night the League management committee inquired into the case of the stoppage of the Preston North End and Blackburn Rovers' match. The explanation was deemed satisfactory, but the North End were cautioned as to provision for future matches.


The 130 yards Edinburgh New Year walking handicap, for prizes to the total value of £125, was concluded yesterday, when there were 7,000 spectators of the final heat. W. McGuire, Leith, 15 yards start, won the first prize of £80. The betting was 8 to 1 on McGuire.

In the County Cup competition in connection with the Cricketers' Golfing Society, Lancashire and Yorkshire have arranged to play on the Ganton links of the Scarborough Club on Saturday, January 25, 1906, and will be represented by Hon. F. S. Jackson, Mr. T. L. Taylor, and Mr. Ernest Smith, and Lancashire by Mr. E. E. Steele, Mr. H. B. Steele, and another.

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IMPROVED SPORT AT MANCHESTER 'CHASES.

Easy Victory for Royal Bow II.—Sudden Rise Disappoints Backers.

GATWICK SELECTIONS.

At the conclusion of racing at Manchester on Monday the executive had all the "jumps," and the more exposed parts of the course, covered with straw to prevent any interference from frost. But the weather changed during the night, and with the going softened by the rain the fields were much bigger than on the opening day.

Chief interest was caused by the Manchester Handicap Steeplechase, but of the fourteen originally nominated only five went to the post. Included in these was that smart young steeplechaser Royal Bow II., and there was some curiosity as to how he would shape over this trying three miles of country. Backers, however, had to lay 1 to 8 on Mr. Widge, the candidate, the only one feared being Questionable, who was befriended at 4 to 1. Nereus, who had not won for ten months, came to grief at the first ditch. The Bun for all the water. The race needs little description, as Royal Bow II. ran from end to end.

Eight horses put in an appearance for the January Handicap Steeplechase, and, as expected, Sudden Rise, who had won her last four races, was established a good favourite at even odds. The others only Flare and Mahabata were supported for any money. A pretty race was witnessed, alternate running being made by Flare and Mahabata, but in the end the last-named scored easily from the favourite.

The defeat of Sudden Rise came as a great surprise to her connections, and was a severe blow to her confidence, despite the 4lb. penalty incurred at Dunstable last week. Lady Malta was in difficulties in the straight, but Royal Cygnal, the Irish gelding, never got on terms. King's Idler was evidently better suited by hurdles than fences.

There were only two competitors for the Four-Year Old Hurdle. Twelve months ago the corresponding race was captured by Frank Hartigan by the aid of July 1905. He was beaten in decisive fashion by Silver Brent, who was bought in at the subsequent auction for 200 guineas.

Taking the wagering as a criterion, the Tuesday Selling Hurdle was a match between Oroya and Quassia, but the first-named failed to get placed, and Quassia won in a canter, and was subsequently bought in for 120 guineas. A desperate struggle was seen in the Trafford Handicap Hurdle between Iddo and St. Evermode from the final hurdle. The last-named just justified the verdict by a head, greatly to the delight of Sir Peter Walker, who travelled to Manchester specially from Scotland. The programme concludes with the success of St. Hilarius in the Castle Steeplechase.

SELECTIONS FOR GATWICK.

1.0.—Horley Hurdle—DECAVE.	
1.30.—Leatherhead Hurdle—ROYAL KNOW.	
2.0.—Purley Steeplechase—ROYAL BLAZE.	
2.30.—Timberham Hurdle—COUNT LAVENO.	
3.00.—Reigate Hurdle—MAKLEY.	
3.30.—Crawley Steeplechase—WINEY.	

SPECIAL SELECTION.

DIDN'T KNOW. GREY FRIARS.

GATWICK PROGRAMME.

1.0.—HORLEY HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.			
St. Moritz	12 to 1	Endymion	4 to 1
Poahall	12 to 1	St. Royal	4 to 1
Beave	12 to 1	Lady Diana	4 to 1
Steepleway	12 to 1	Rawlinson	4 to 1
Fire Love	12 to 1	Australia	4 to 1
1.30.—LEATHERHEAD HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.			
Didn't Know	12 to 1	Buttered Bun	4 to 1
Orpington	12 to 1	Irish Angel	4 to 1
The Crown	12 to 1	Richmond Boy	4 to 1
The Chief	12 to 1	Springbok	4 to 1
Orpington	12 to 1	Gavel	4 to 1
Fire Love	12 to 1	Bayona	4 to 1
2.0.—PURLEY STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 100 sovs. Two miles.			
Lord Blaise	12 to 1	David Harum	4 to 1
Royal of the Level	12 to 1	Ania	4 to 1
The Crown	12 to 1	Richmond Boy	4 to 1
The Chief	12 to 1	Springbok	4 to 1
Orpington	12 to 1	Gavel	4 to 1
Fire Love	12 to 1	Bayona	4 to 1
2.30.—TIMBERHAM HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.			
Tom Tucker	12 to 1	Tooting	4 to 1
Beave	12 to 1	Luke Balmage	4 to 1
Hopston	12 to 1	Forster	4 to 1
Wedding Day	12 to 1	Larkspur	4 to 1
Cambo	12 to 1	Young America	4 to 1
Courtenay	12 to 1	Crage	4 to 1
Endymion	12 to 1	Stratford	4 to 1
3.00.—REIGATE HURDLE RACE (handicap) of 50 sovs. Two miles.			
Lord Victor	12 to 1	Orison	4 to 1
Orbi	12 to 1	Clear Art	4 to 1
Sonnetta	12 to 1	St. William	4 to 1
Arley Abbot	12 to 1	St. William	4 to 1
Princess Jessie	12 to 1	Carroll	4 to 1
Princess	12 to 1	Adonis III.	4 to 1
Mal Sallie	12 to 1	Yverna	4 to 1
Tortillon	12 to 1	Sir Tom	4 to 1
Manuscript	12 to 1	St. Peter	4 to 1
Flore	12 to 1	Riding School	4 to 1
3.30.—CRAWLEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles.			
Kolan	12 to 1	Eashly	6 to 1
De Be	12 to 1	Crabtree	6 to 1
Whitney	12 to 1	Sanctimonious	6 to 1
Shipshape	12 to 1	Eager Boy	6 to 1
Johnstone	12 to 1		

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

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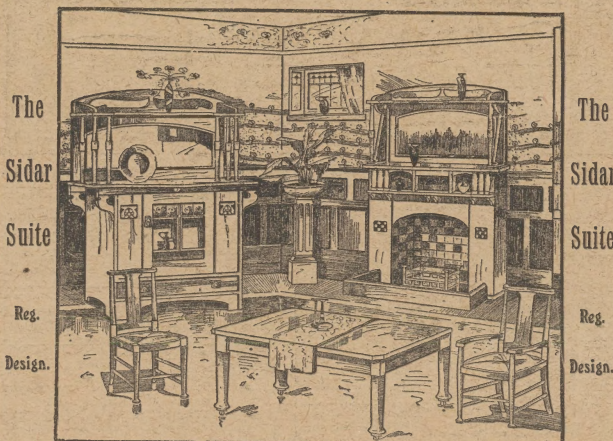
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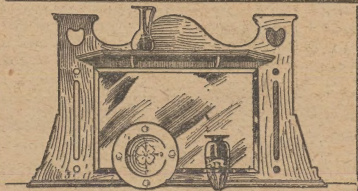
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